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THE CHURCH.

EXTRACTS FROM KIRK SESSION MINUTES.

1584.

May 13th.—The assemblie of the minister and eldaris at Elgin haldin within the paroche kirk thairof upon the xiij day of Maij 1584.*

Anent the clayme of promeis of mariage persewit be Agnes Allane agains James Watt the said James denyit any promeis and the eldaris ordains the said Agnes to libell ane promeis maid befoir ane minister or reidar or ane notar or ellis the said James to be absoluit fra the said clayme.

December 3rd.—The assemblie off the kirk off Elgin haldin within the kirk of Elgin the third day of December, 1584, in presence of

* For several years the session clerk used no fixed heading for giving the date and place of meeting, the names of the members present, and the name of the court. The date is frequently omitted, but an approximate date is generally found from the minutes immediately preceding and following. The place is often omitted, and, when given, is generally "the queir of the paroche kirk." The names of the members present are often omitted, and, when given, are arranged in no fixed order. It was only after several years that the minister's name was always given first, and many meetings, at which ordinary business was transacted, were held without a minister. The members of the Town Council were members of the court with the ordinary elders and deacons. The name of the court is found in various forms side by side. The most frequent forms are: "the assemblie of the minister and eldaris," "the assemblie of the eldaris and minister," "the assemblie of the eldarship," and "the assemblie of the eldaris." The following forms also occur: "the assemblie of the kirk (or paroche kirk) of Elgin," "the eldarship of Elgin," "the eldaris of Elgin," "the sessioun haldin." A common heading was: "in presence of," preceded by the date and followed by the names of the members present. Afterwards the prevailing heading was: "convenit," preceded by date and place and followed by the names of the minister and the elders present.

Patrick Cockburn Wm. Innes and Thomas Myll, eldaris off Elgin, with Mr. James Gardin.

Alves: Petrie.—The eldaris decernis Andrew Alwes to be giltie off sclander and ordanis him to compeir in the kirk off Pluscarden upon Sonday in presence of Robert Dunbar and the parochiners and to confess his sclander and offence crawe pardon of Martein Petrie and his spous and the said Martein to resaiwe freindlie the said Andrew.

1585.

October 15th.—*Innes.*—John Innes, son to James Innes, burges of Elgin [and 5 others] for adulterie being oftymes summondit and not compeirand ar ordanit to be incarcerat within the stepill till they haue found to haue satisfiet the kirk.

December 2nd.—*Torrie.*—James Torrie in Elgin hes found George Wauis caution that he sall solemnizat the band of matrimonie with Hemelie Yownye betuix this and the day of December instant under the pain off ten pundis.

December.—*James Douglas, provest of Elgin.* — Comperit James Douglas, provest off Elgin, willinglie confessing the cryme of fornicatioun with Helen Leslie and offering himself to obey the censuris and injunctionis of the eldaris menit himself unto thayme that in respect repentance consistit not in the externall gestour off the bodie or publict place appoyntit for the samyn but in the hart of the whilk he had God and his awin conscience giveing him witness, desyrit to keep his awin plaice the tyme of the preaching and the sermoun to compeir befoir the minister to declair the confession of his [sin] and penitent mynd Quhairfoir the eldaris efter advysement heiring his guid menying and hoiping alwayis for a better exemple of him in tymes to cum grantit the samyn and to declair his uprycht mening ordanit him to repair the north windok forgain the pulpeit sufficientlie with glas qlk the said James acceptit and hes found Alex^r. Annand, burges of Elgin, caution vnder the pain of xx pundis that he sall absten fra all carnall copulatione with the said Helen in tymes cumyng.

1586.

April 21st.—*Clark.*—Compeirit Effame Peddar being summonit for fornicatioun with Johne Clark confessit the samyn is ordainit to mak hir repentance publiclie on Sonday nixt bair fuittit and bair leggitt and giff evir scho sall be found in the lyke failye in tyme cuming to be banischit duryng hir lyftyme of this towne.

[May ?].—The assemblie of the eldarschip of Elgin haldin within the queir of the perroche kirk of Elgin be Mr. Alex^{r}. Douglas, minister, and Alex^{r}. Boynde and Alex^{r}. Pringill.

Adulterie.—The qlk day Margret Williamsone, — Campell dochter to W^{m}. Campell, James Nicol and Agnes Tarres, Jhone Innes and — Sutherland, James Pattoun and Isobell Talzeour and Elspet Leslie being lauchfullie summondit and nocht compeirand ar ordainit to be put in waird be the magistratis of the towne.

June 22nd.—*Leslie.*—Elspet Leslie compeirand and confessing fornicatioun is ordanit on Sonday nixt to present the stoole of repentance and siclyke on Sonday theirefter, and give scho beis fund at any tyme heirefter to have dealing w^{t}. the said Jhone or ony vther scho obleisit hirselff vilfullie to be baneisit.

Isobell Watson [and 8 others] personally summondit and nocht compeirand are ordanit to be wairdit be the magistratis.

Gaw.—Agnes Gaw be hir awin confessioun for injureing hir mother is vilfully obleist in caice scho offend hir mother heirefter to stand in the jokkis and thairefter to be banesit.

July 16th.—The assemblie of the minister and eldaris of Elgin haldin within the queir of the paroche kirk thairof the sexteint day of July 1586 yeiris in presence of Mr. Alex. Douglas, minister, Alex^{r}. Pringill James Dunbar, eldaris, and James Young, ane of the deaconis.

1586-7.

January. — Robert Sutherland [and 3 others] being personaly summonit and nocht compeirand ar ordainit to be put in waird be the magistratis.

January 25th.—*Cowy.*—George Grant is becum caution to delyver Elspet Cowye to the joggis on Sonday nixt.

February.—*Douglas.*—Jonet Douglas oblist hirselff to stand in the joggis in caice that scho offend Janet McCome be hir sklanderous toung in ony time heirefter.

Gauld: Mill.—Jhone Gauld lying in fornicatione with Magy Myll thir fywe yeiris bygaine ar ordainit to stand tua Sondayis in the hairie clayth.

Andersone.—Mariorie Andersoun, spous to Blais Alves, hes tain this day aucht dayis to prowe the death of hir tua bairnis to have bein without violence and smoiring.

February 23rd.—*Contract.**—Alex^r^. Forester in Elgene band and obleist him selff to solemnizat the band of matrimonie with Jonet Ellis per verba de presenti betuix the dait heirof and Vitsounday nixt and to abstein fra the said Jonet vnto the said day vnder the paine of baneisment.

[March].—The assemblie off the eldaris of Elgin holdin within the queir of the paroche kirk thairof in presens of James Douglas, provest of Elgin, Jhone Annand of Morrestoun, Wm. Gibsoun of Sheriffmyll, Mr. James Gardin, Thomas Hay, Alex^r^. Boynd and David Torrye, eldaris, and Mr. Alex^r^. Douglas, minister.

Tolmak.—The eldaris having tryit —— Tolmak and Agnes Allane gyltie of sindrye crymis worthy of banesment and speciaillie of comoun harlotry with thiftis and pykerie thairfor hes ordanit thame to be banesit perpetualie out of the boundis of this toune and give thay be fund within the said boundis thay salbe markit with ane burn iron ather vpoun [cheik] or schulder and banesit, and gif ony resaive thame they salbe compellit to pay ten pundis to be tain up be the provest and bailzeis and bestowit at thair plesour, and Gilbert Gaderar to proclayme the samen at the sound of the bell.

Contract.—Andrew Gordoun promesis to solemnizat the band of mariage with Ellene Ker betuix this and the xv of Maij nixt.

1587.

April 16th.—*Bege.*—That daye Jhone Bege obleist him selff to offer

* Contracts frequently appear in like form.

tua of his bairnis vnbaptized vpon Sonday nixt to the sacrament off baptisme vnder the paine of v lib.

Watsonne. — That day the eldaris having tryit the sclanderous lyff of Magie Watsoun in comoun harlotrie and drunkennes and that scho is ane commoun pandrous hes concludit all in ane voyce to the banesment of the said Margret in all tymes heirefter out of the boundis of this paroch and gif scho beis fund at any tyme heirefter within this toun to be brunt in the cheik with ane irin.

Contract. — That daye Wm. Haye, baxter, hes desyrit the promeis of mariage betuix him and Elspet Robertsoun to be proclaymit on Sonday nixt.

General Act anent Sclander.—That day the eldaris considering the wyce of slander abunding within this burgh and that the samen can not be quenchit without severe punesment tharefor hes ordainit the persoun fund culpable in notorious sclander to sit in the stule of repentance with ane paper on thair heid contening the caus of thair sitting thair and thairefter to crawe remissioun als wele of the partie offendit and slanderit as the congregatioun present and incaice the said offendar sal happin thairefter to be fund giltye in the lyke to be ordanit to stand in joggis on ane Sonday befoir nwn and thairefter to be banesit and this act first to be put in executioun in the persoun of Meddie Innes becaus of the tryall of hir manifest sclander committit apon Margret Russell.

Andersone.—Marjorie Andersone be hir awin confessioun that scho had be hir negligence tint tua bairnis being in bed with hir becaus the cryme not onlie wes odious bot being vnpunesit it salbe occasioun to vtheris to neglect thair maternall dewtie thairfor hes ordanit the said Marjorie Andersoun to present hir selff on Sonday nixt to the stoole of repentance within the kirk in sackclothe bairfuttit and bairleggit with ane paper upon hir heid contening the caus of hir offence and thair humill hir selff confessing hir offence and siclyk on Sonday thairefter and apon the third Sonday in semblable maner and giwe scho beis fund in the lyke offence to be banesit.

May 4th.—*Helen Leslie.*—That daye Hellin Leslie brocht with hir fywe or sax personis furth of Edinburgh to mak residence heir and being summonit to this day to haive produceit ane lauchtful testimoniall of thair minister quhair they maid last residence quhow they hald behavit thame selffis and for quhat caus thay removit thairfra. . . . . and

nocht compeirand the eldaris ordanis ane summondis to be execut to chairg hir to produce ane laufull testimoniall.

Kay.—James Kaye confessing his fornicatioun with Elspet Watsoun is ordanit to mak his repentance on Sonday nixt and wilfullie obleisis him selff to be banesit out of this toun be the provest and bailzeis incaice he be fund culpable in the lyke with hir or any vther.

Peter Quhyit.—That daye Petir Quhytt in Elgene obleist him selff to marie Magie Davidsoun in Elgene betuix the dait heirof and the aucht day of Junij nixt vnder the pane of baneisment.

May 17th.—*Kaye: Adulterie.*—Henrye Kaye in Linkwood being accusit for committing adulterie with Marjorye Andersoun spous to Blais Alves in the whilk also he hes committit incest the said Henrie being son in law to the said Blais having mariet his dochter hes willinglie confest the samyn and submittit himself to the jugement of the eldaris.

Dowle.—Hellin Dowle and Isobell being tryit comoun harlottis and nicht walkeris ar decernit be the eldaris to haue heidis schavin and stand in the jowggis on Sonday nixt.

May 26th.—*Andirsone.*—Marjorye Andersoun spous to Blais Alwes being accusit for committing incest and adulterye with Hendrye Kaye sone in law to the said Blais Alwes confessit the samen to be of trewth and to hawe abusit hir selff with the said Hendrye be the space of four or fyve yeiris past. Item scho confessit hir adulterye with Androw Preves and with Jhone Scott and for these causis hes offerit hir selff to obey sik forme of repentance as the eldaris sall injoine vnto hir. In respect of the haynousnes of the crymis the eldaris hes ordanit and injoynit to the said Merjerye to enter hirselff within the joggis apon the Sonday befoir nwn with hir heid schavin and standing in the hairy clayth at nyne houris till the last bell be rung befoir nwn and thairefter to enter within the kirk and stand in the samen joggis in the north vest nwke of the paroche kirk in the samen place and maner till the end of the preiching and this plane to be observit be the said Marjorye the space of four Sondayes give the eldaris and congregatioun findis hir penitent vtherwayis to continew till there appere sum tokens of repentance in hir.

Hendrye Kaye lyckwayis is ordanit to stand thre severall Sondayis in the hairye clayth bairfuitit and bair leggit with ane myter apon his

heid at the kirk duir to begyne at nyne houris and to continew in maner forsaid.

[June].—The eldaris hes ordanit Marjorye Andersoun to stand thrie Sondayes in the forme decernit befoir for ewerie Sonday that scho hapins to be absent quhile the first decreit be fulfillit.

August 17th.—William Hendrye compleining apon Jonnet Waus his spous quha refusit the dewty of mariage to him the samen is continewit to this day aucht dayis.

August 24th.—The eldaris ordanis Janet Vaus to adheir to hir spous Wm. Hardye vndir the pain of the censuris of the kirk and to compeir this day aucht dayis.

September 14th.—*Vaus.*—Jonet Waws being inquyrit qwhy scho adherit nocht to hir husband Wm. Hardye according to the desyre of the said Williame and the ordinance aboue wrettin the said Jonet anserit that scho feirit the danger of hir lyffe at the hands of the said Wm. and tharefter desyrit sufficient caution to be fund to hir anent the samen to the qlk the said Williame Hardy anserit that he vold offer Jhone Annand of Morreston and Johne Innes cautioneris [who consent]. The eldaris in respect the said Jonet refusit to adhere hes ordanit the minister to proceid apon Sounday nixt to admoneis hir publictlye vnder the pane of excommunicatioun.

December 14th.—Comperit Androw Cokburne Alexr. Boynd, Mr. James Gairdin, Alexr. Hoppringill, Thomas Haye, Robert Sutherland, Thomas Milne, Johnne Innes, Reidhall, James Guthrie, James Dowglas, Wm. Innes, David Torrye and willinglie acceptit the office of eldarschip till the nixt electioun. And siclyk Alexr. Grante James Patrye deaconis.

1587-8.

January.—The eldaris hes ordanit the heidis of Elspet Robertsoun and Isobell Dowle commoun harlottis to be schavin and to stand in the zowgis and to mak thair repentance and thairefter to baneis thame of this toun perpetuallie.

January 17th. — Compeirit Elspet Robertsun and Isobell Dowle obleisit thame selfis to be banesit of this perroche in all tymis cumming vnder the payne of burning thair cheikis and to be putt in the youggis and thair heidis schevin.

January 23rd.—Anent the complent giffin in be Agnes Gillanderis dochter to Wm. Gillanderis acclaming the promeis of mariage of Alexr. Skene servant to Thomas Hay conform to ane contract subscryvit be Sir James Johnestoun, notar, the said Alexr. is ordanit to be summonit this day aucht dayis vnder the payne of the censuris of the kirk.

February 7th.—Alexr. Skene desyrit this day fyftein dayis to be advyssit. [Next minute is of date 6th April.]

1588.

June 5th.—*Mariage.*—Compeirit Thomas Richertsoun and Marjorie Duff and promesit to solemnizat the band of matrimony betuixt this and this day aucht dayis.

August 14th. — It is ordanit that in caice ony within this toun refuissis and neglectis to offer thair bairnis to baptisme in tym vnder the paine of putting of thame in the yowggis and making thair repentance in sic forme as the eldaris sall ordaine.

Alexr. Innes talyeour obleist himself for Margret Innes his spous that scho sall kepe hir townge clos from bakbytting sclanderinge and flytting aganis ony within this toun vnder the pain of fywe pundis.

September 18th.—*Fentoun.*—Compeirit Janet Fentoun spous to Patrik Rattray being accusit for going in pilgrimage to the Laidie Chepall* confessit the samyn to be trew with hir dochter Magie Rattraye and offerit hir self in the will of the kirk and siclyk that scho saw Christiane Hay, —— Riache callit taklumen, Mairioun Sutherland dochter to the parsoun of Moye, Margret Sutherland spous to Alexr. Elleis and Gelis Andirsoun spous to Alexr. Andirsoun fleschar.

October 31st.—*Pilgrimage.*—Margret Sutherland accuisit for going in pilgrimage to the Laidy Cheppall be hir greit aithe denyit the samyn.

November 20th.—*Riach.*—Agnes Ryache confessit hir selfe to haue passit in pilgrimage to the wall callit the laidy chepall and that scho saw thair Christie Haye spouse to Walter Innes in the College Jhone Milne son to Jhone Milne in Walkmill, — Puggat in Barmukatie with his wyff.

[December].—*Helen Leslie.*—Compeirit Helein Lesly dochter to Mr. George Leslie parsoun of Mortelach being accusit for the conveying

* Pilgrimages to this chapel, with its well, at Orton, in the parish of Dundorcas (now Rothes) are often afterwards mentioned.

of certane wemen secreitlie as to pander to my lord of Orknay that he micht abuse thame and haue carnall copulatione with thame quha be hir greit aythe denyit the samyn or that scho knewe any sic filthie thingis be done.

Monypennye.—Alex^r. Monypennye and his wyff Margret Dunbar confessit sclandering Mr. Alex^r. Douglas, minister.

1588-9.

February 26th.—*Sutherland.*—Alex^r. Sutherland confessing the cryme of fornicatioun with —— Cuming and found reincident is ordanit to pay the penaltie of 40s. to mak his publict repentance and find cautioun for abstinence in tyme cuming vnder the pain of x lib.

1589.

April 9th.—*Douglas of Pettindreich.*—Archebald Dowglas of Pettindreich being accusit for departing fra the resaving of the sacrament of the Supper of the Lord and to schaw ane reassonable caus wherfoir quha schew that it war not from gruges that he had in his conscience aganis sindrie and that it wes nocht for contempt of the word nor of the Sacrament and that he sall communicat how soon he may remove the occasionis. Being accusit of fornication with Isobell Smyth he denyit the same.

April 30th.—James Younge compeirand and accusit for absteining from the supper of the Lord confessit the caus therof to be certane illessis betuix him and certane nichtbouris quhilkis being reconcelit sall communicatt at any tym in yeiris requerit.

June 11th.—Mr. Alex^r. Douglas being directit Commissioner to the nixt generall assemblie desyrit licence of the assemblie to repair thair qlk the saidis eldaris grantit.

June 20th.—*Admestoun.*—Comperit Archebald Admestoun servitour to my Lord Preiour of Pluscarden and offerit him self in the will of the kirk for his offence of fornicatioun committit with Isobell Rag. The eldaris ordanis him to find cautioun for abstinence within this paroche in all tymes cuming and to satisfie ane penaltie as he salbe injoynit.

[July].—The assemblie of the eldaris of Elgin. [No place, or date, or list of members is given in this entry.]

Generall Act.—The haill eldaris vnderstanding the returning of Marjorie Andersoun quha wes banesit for thift and adulterye and forseing the decay of all discipline and gude ordour incaice sic sclanderous persouns be sufferit to remaine Thairfor hes all in ane voce concludit that the said Marjorye salbe of new banesit with the marke of ane iron vpon hir cheik and incaice scho be fund therefter heir to put hir to the knawledge of ane assyse.

November 3rd.—*Blais Alues.*—Blais Alues being summonit for resaving of Marjorie Anderson, adulteress (being banischit), by the kirks advyse denyit the samyn and complenit that scho resortit his hous aganis his will and promesit nocht to resaue hir by the minister and eldaris decreit Therfor the eldaris ordains hir to be banischit of new becaus scho hes fallin in the samen fault sen hir repentance.

Christane Wilsoun seruitrix to the parsoun of Spynie geff in ane bill confessing hir self in Edinbrugh to haue committit fornicatioun with Mr. James Dunbar son to the laird of Tarbert and is ordanit to compeir on Sonday nixt and mak hir publict repentance and to abstein fra the lyk offence vnder the pain of banischment.

1589-90.

March 11th.—*Proclamatioun of Bannis.*—The eldaris in respect of the disordour that followis vpon the proclamatioun of promesis of mariage be the redar without knawledge of the sessioun and eldaris hes ordanit that na proclamatioun of mariage be made in ony tyme heirefter except the parteis that ar desyrous to haue bannis proclamit compeir vpon ane Vednesday befor in presens of the eldaris and desyr that promes to be proclamit.

Patrik Smyth fund incident with —— —— and desyring to mary, notwithstanding is ordanit to mak his repentance tua severall Sondayis bair futtit and bair leggit standing in the porche of the kirk fra the first bell till the last and therefter to pass to the stoole of repentance and to pay the soume of tua merkis to James Petrye.

Vatsoun: Myll.—Comperit Nicoll Watsoun servitour to the Erle of Sutherland and Margret Myll lawfull dochter to Jhone Myll burges of Elgin and ratifeit ane promes of mariage maid betuix thame vncoactit on ather syde and desyrit the promes to be proclamit be the redar to be performit betuix the dait heirof and the last day of Junij nixt.

1590.

April 30th.—Intimatioun wes maid to the balzeis and eldaris present that thai sould remove the marcat of the Sonday at ony tym in the day according to the Act of the Generall Assemblie in all poyntis.

May 6th.—*Cokburn.*—Christane Cokburne summonit for committyng fornicatioun with Johne Leslie son to wmq^{ll}. Robert Leslie of Finrassie, absent.

Robert Keyth promesit to marye on Sonday nixt vnder the pain of x lib.

Christane Hay summonit personallie and dissobedient ordanit to be summonit of new with certefication that gif scho falzie the sentence of excommunicatioun will proceid aganis hir.

July 1st.—*Nota.*—This day aucht dayis assignit to the parochineres of Rothes to adwise and subscryve.

That day the minister maid intimatioun of his first admonitioun of excommunicatioun for none removing of mercattis of the Sabboth daye.

July 17th.—*Ogilvie: Vmphray.*—James Ogilby son to George Ogilvie in Cullane and Marjorie Vmphray dochter to Thomas Vmphray burges of Elgen producit ane contract of mariage betuix thame with consent of thair parents. To be proclamit on Sonday nixt.

August 15th.—Jhone Leslie of Myrside and Christen Cocburne to be proclamit on Sonday nixt.

September 23rd.—Convenit Mr. James Gardin, Alexander Annand, bailzeis, James Douglas, Wm. Gibsoun, Thomas Hay, Johne Innes, elder, Thomas Robertsoun, Mr. Alex^{r}. Douglas, minister at Elgin, members of the counsall, James Dunbar, Dauid Winchester, Allex^{r}. Gadderar, W^{m}. Mill, Thomas Richartson, Dauid Winchister younger, James Patrick,

Johne Innes younger, burgessis of Elgin. The names of thame that ar appoynted taskmasters to lay the taxatione of ane houndret libs. for the pryce of the new bell :—

For the sowth est quarter David Winchester and Allex^r. Grant.

For the sowth vest quarter Patrick Andersoun and Thomas Hay.

For the north vest quarter David Toiry and Allex^r. Pringyll.

For the northe est quarter James Pader and Thomas Hay merchaunt.

October 7th.—The feis of the men and wemen to be poyndit for brydling of the great wikednes of fornicatioun.

October 21st.—Certane persones delaittit being summonit to this day to ansuer as effeiris callit oftymes and nocht compeirand the bailzeis hes tane vpoun thame to ward the dissobedients this day efter noone and thair to remane ay and quhill thay satisfie and pay thair penalties conform to the ordour.

October 28th. — *Tryall of Vitnessis.* — Gelis Gardin accusit for bearing witnes to the superstitious baptizeing of ane bairn gottin in fornicatioun betuix Andro Kay and Magy Grant within ane hous in Allex^r. Gadderars cloiss denyit the samen vpoun hir conscience bot that scho cam in for sum vtheris particular effairis and herd ane disputatioun anent the name of ane bairn.

November 4th. — *Helene Leslie.* — Helene Leslie hes obleist hir to abstein fra all men within this paroche in all tymes cuming oncomittit the cryme of fornicatioun and gif scho be found relapsit scho sall remove hir self fra the boundis of this congregatioun and lyikwyis that scho sall present the stuill of repentance on Sonday next cuming vndir the pain of baneischment.

December 10th.—The examinatiounes is appoyntit on Mononday nixt the parochiners to be aduertised apoun Sonday nixt for the landward according to roll to be affixit on the pulpeit.

Generall Act.—Ane bailyie and tua eldaris appoynted to keipp euery Sonday that thair be na people apoun the gait the tyme of preaching nor na tavirnis then to be oppin.

The seruandis within the toun to be examinat on Sondayis at efternoone and quha refuisis being summonit nocht only to be debarrit bot to be poyndit in thair feis.

1591.

March 25th.—*Straquhane.*—Johne Straquhyn summonit. Katherin Thorne hard him blaspheme Margaret Gadderar in calling of hir ane skemlin witche karling.

April 4th.—*Paul anent remoffing.*—Jannat Paull villinglie confest hir self to remove hir fra the boundis of this paroche at Vitsonday nixt for hir sclanderous lyiff vnder the pane of burning of hir vpoun the cheik and baneisching hir therfra in caice of dissobedience.

April 28th.—*Ane Act.*—This day ane act maid anent thame that hes nocht communicat that thai be summonit agane Fryday nixt to gif thair reassounis quhy thay abstractt thameselfis fra the ressauing thairof.

April 30th.—*Non-Communicantis.*—Compeirit Patrik Andersoun, burges of Elgin [and 6 other burgesses] with Maister Henre Thorntoun [and 2 others] quhilkis personis wer summonit to gif thair reassoun quhye thaj did not communicat the super of the Loird with the rest of the congregatioun quhais ansuer being hard and declarit not. found sufficient thaj ar commandit of the sessioneris to present the tabill of the Loird on Sonday nixt to communicat quhilk thay haif promeist to do vnder the pane of the censures of the kirk (except Katherein Cowie that promeist not.).

May 26th.—*The ministeris offer.*—That day Mr. Allexr. Douglas, minister at Elgin, desyrit the bailleis of the said burgh that thay wald caus all halding of mercattis within this burgh on Sondayis to be stayit and als that the mercat of trinitie day quhilk was scheortlie to be in the burgh on that Sonday wer continewit till Monunday nixt thairefter and forder that all mercat dayis that salhappin to fall on ane Sonday salbe appointit to be haldin on the Monunday nixt therafter within the burgh. Quhilk desyir the baillies and elderis then present thocht reassonabill in respect quhairof thai haif promesit to caus mak oppin proclamatiounis on Satterday and Sonday nixt herefter be ten houris afoir noone at the mercat place to the effect abouewrittin. Attour the said Maister Allexander offert to teache on Sonday and the baillies elders and counsall requestit him to superceid and continew onteachit and that be ressoun of the tumult of the peopill, and he sall haif with Godis graice guid obediens and ordor fra that furthe according to the will of God and thair powar.

June 2nd.—The minister and elderis hes appointed that Cristane Dauidsoun, adulterer, that sche sal present hirself in sackclothe thre seuerall Sondayis to the stuill of repentance apoun the heichest gree of the south eastmest desk nairest the queir dur within the kirk.

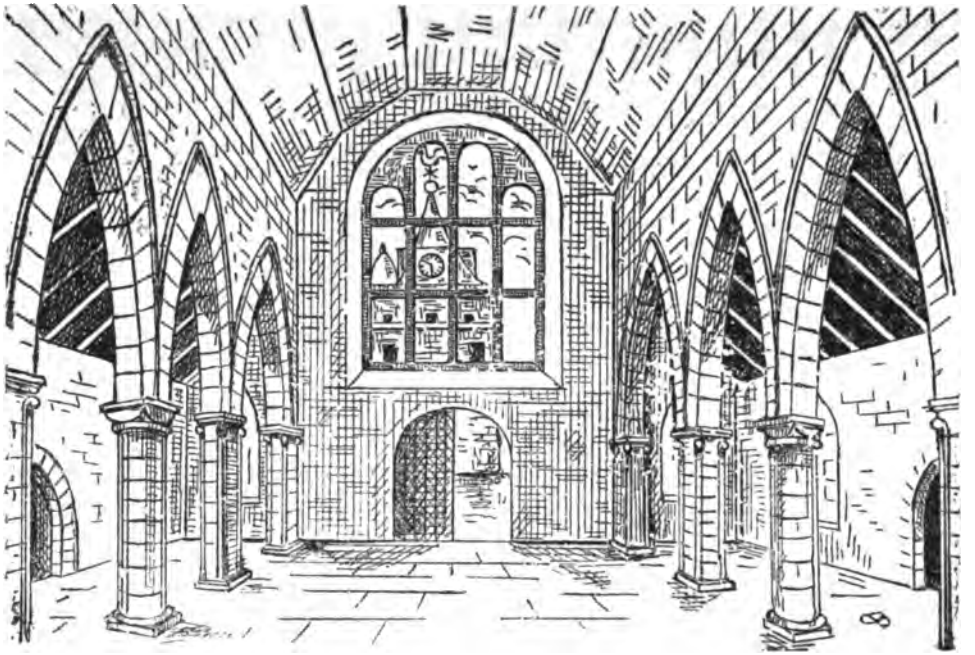
Anent sclanderaris: the puneischment.—The minister and eldaris hes ordanit that the actis maid anent sclandereris be put in executioun in the persoun of Isobell Jak nochtheles the minister and eldaris haiffand considderit that thais actis contenis sum seveir and rigorous dealing in the puneischment of the offendaris and for mitigatioun of thais actis thai haif ordanitt ane new stuill to be biggitt q^r^vpoun the partie or persoun sclanderer is appointed to sitt in hair or sakclothe three seuerall Sondayis fra the first bell that is rung to preaching quhill the preaching be done and for the mair publict declaratioun of the offence it is appoyntit that ane paper be affixit on theyr breistis vpoun the qlk sall be wrettin the caus of thair sitting thair and lyikwayis thai sall confess thair offence to God, the partie sclanderitt and the congregatioun present and of all craif pardoun thairfoir.

June 9th.—*Cumming: Walker.*—Comperit Dauid Cuming in Cauld Cottis and producit ane testimoniall of ane contract of mariage maid betuix him and Issobell Walkar dochter to John Walkar portionar of Urquhart wrettin be Mr. John Innes minister at Urquhart quho ratefeit the same in presens of the minister and eldaris present and desyrit his banns to be proclamit on Sonday nixt.

Disobedient Magistratis.—It is ordanit that the minister proceid to excommunicatioun against the wilfull and disobedient magistrats in materis concerning ecclesiasticall discipline.

June 23rd.—*Generall Act.*—It is appointed that the minister sall proclame furth of the pulpit on Sonday nixt aganis all baneist persones fra this toun that thai resort nocht within this toun efter the sone going doun and ressauaris of thais within thair houses sall pay xls. for the first fault besyid thair repentance.

Generall Act.—Quhatsumeuir persoun being diseasit within this burgh be seiknes departs this lyif on adverteising the minister redar or ane eldar in thair absens sall want the convey of the faythfull to thair buriall . . . and forbidds the belman to knell the hand bell for thame or ony uther bell.



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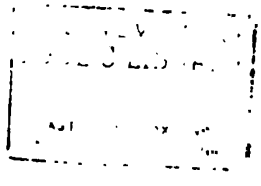

June 30th.—The last day of Junij 1591 zeiris assemblie haldin within the queir of the paroche kirk present Maister Allexander Douglas, minister at Elgin, Johnn Annand of Morrestoun, Allexander Annand and Mr. James Gardin bailleis, William Gibsoun, Thomas Hay burgessis and eldaris.

Sowtar.—Allexander Annand baillie promesit to present Issobell Sowter to the assemblie this day aucht dayis.

It is appointed that all the young men be summonit agane this day aucht dayis to heir thame ordanit to haif psalme buiks in tymes cuming that can reid.

Midsommer fyiris.—Thame that war summonit to this day anent the onbigging of bein and Petir fyiris to be agane summonit to this day aucht dayis for heiring the injunctiounis and penaltie maid thairanent.

July 7th.—*Prophanaris of Sabboth.*—Comperit Cristen Forbes spouse to John Mow [and six other women]. They could not deny bot thai haid contravenit the actis. Incaice thai do the lyk thai salbe poindit.

Prouisioun.—Anent sick persounes as vare summonit to provyid thame selfis vith psalm buikis according to the acts maid theranent, Compeirit Thomas Vinchister and producit ane buik quhilk is notit be Rot. Leslie, clark of this assemblie. John Innes younger producit ane vther psalm buik notit in lyk maner. James Guthrie, John Younge, James Caw messinger, Georg Cuming, Nicolas Vruell, burges of Elgin, hes promeist to prowyd thame psalme buikis aganis Sanct Gelis day nixt.

Generall Act.—It is appointed that euerie persoun that biggis and makis ony bein, midsommer and peter fyiris in tymes cuming or that ar maisters of houssis allowing making or suffering the samen to stand or that correctis nocht nor stayis thair servandis fra doing theroff sall stand in sakclothe thre seuerall Sondayis vpoun the stuill of repentance besydis the kingis penaltie to be takin vp therfoir.

July 8th.—Walter Innes in the nether end of the toun promeist to entir his wyif and dochter this day aucht dayis and the eldaris appointed the minister to proceid aganis the disobedientis that compeir not for the superstitious onbigging of midsommer fyiris peter fyiris to admonitiounes vnder the pane of excommunicatioun. The names of thais that are disobedient is Marjorie Vrquhart spous to Andro Annand officier, James Karsour (?), Thomas Robertsone, Meddie Innes, Margaret Innes, George Fraser alias Sorner.

That day Cristen Sutherland being accusit for the superstitious and idolatrous onbigging of bein missommer and Pettir fyiris and vpoun hir greit ayth being sworne hes denyit the samen that scho naypher knew thairof or consentit thairto in ony wayis bot quhow sone scho persauit the same, tuik watter and drownit out the samen and thairfoir sould be absoluit fra ony forther accusatiounis thairintill.

July 9th.—Johnne Smyth, post, and Helene Innes ordainis thair bannis be proclaimit on Sonday nixt and Walter Innes, flescher, is becum actit cautioner for thair abstinence quhill the day of mariage vnder the payne of fyve libs.

July 14th.—It is ordainit that all thais that keipis hostalrie or tauernis on Sonday within this burgh sall pay for the first fault ten s. and the secound fault 20 s. and mak thair repentance the said penaltie to be duplicatit vpoun thame *toties quoties* thai committ the fault and thair repentance to be on the new stuill for thair contempt and violating of the Sabbothe. The said day compeirit William Morray and Johnne Varden burges of this burgh accusit for keiping and manteining of hoistilarie within thair houssis vpon Sonday xi of this instant July, quha deponit and maid thair ayts in the contrar and declarit be thair ayts that thai wer in the kirk the tyme of preaching and hes promeist in all tymes to cum to saiff thame selfs thair wyiffis bairnis and servandis fra keiping hoistilarie within thair houses in tyme of preaching on Sabboth dayis heirefter.

[*Sunday markets*].—The minister maid intimatioun to the bailleis anent doun putting of the Sondayis mercattis qlk is haldin within this burgh that he will proceid to admonitiounes aganis thame vnder the pane off excommunicatioun and Maister James Gardin protestit that the persounes of the landwart as cam to hald mercat on Sonday sould be wardit be thame within the tolbuyth for he allegit thame to be the principall caus of the same.

Anent fairis.—The minister and eldaris ordanis Sanct James fair that fallis on Sonday this year to be on the nixt Monunday thairefter and na mercat to be on Sonday and gif it happinnis ony fair or mercat day to befall on Sonday in ony tyme cuming thair salbe na mercat that day bot the nixt Monunday thairefter to be the principall fair dayis and for delaying the mercatis to be haldin on Sondayis ordanis ane proclamatioun to be maid at the mercat place callit the skemles be ane townis officier haiffand ane command of the bailleis.

That day compeirit William Steilis wyiff and Thomas Duffis wyiff quha being accusit for contravening of the actis maid anent keiping the Sabbothe in keiping of hostilarie within thair hous the said day exscusit thame selfis that thay wer ignorant of the actis and thairfoir thai haif promeist to forbeir in tymes cuming oncontrovenit the said actis and to keipe the preaching within the kirk the tyme thairof and incace thai do in the contrar thai salbe puneist doublie for that and the first fault baythe as is aboun specifeit.

William Mill, burges of Elgin, hes promeist to prowyd ane psalme buik to him self betuix this and the first day of September nixt.

Conscience. — Johnne Sutherland alias Conscience hes actit himself and — Sutherland his futur spous to mak thair repentance vnder pain of baneischment on Sonday nixt and efternoone the same day to mary and thair bairnis to be bapteizit.

July 20th.—John Makean, burges of this burgh, hes promeist to keip the preiching.

Nota.—The minister and eldaris inhibitis Robert Leslie, redar at this kirk, that he noyther marie nor bapteis without he haif the exprese commandement of the minister and eldaris in ane sessioun befoir thame to that effect vnder na les pane nar the said Robert redar to mak his repentance publiklie thairfoir.

July 21st. — The xxi day of July 1591 In presens of George Douglas Alexr. Annand Thomas Mill Johne Innes eldaris of this burghe of Elgin. [No minister present.]

Meddie Innes.—Comperit Meddie Innes summonit for bigging on of missomer fyiris and haiffing ane bairne onbapteist purgit hir be hir greit aith that scho nather biggit nor consentit to the bigging of fyiris. Neuirtheles for her dissobedience being summondit priuatlie and publictlie out of pulpeit is ordanit to mak hir repentance on Sonday nixt and as tuiching the onbapteising of hir bairne ordanis hir to present the same to baptisme and to mak hir publick repentance thairfoir and be thir presentes obleissis hir to abstene fra all fornicatioun in all tymes cuming vnder the paine of baneisment.

Margat Innes ofttymes summonit baith priuatlie and publiclie for bigging on of midsomer fyiris comperit and confessit the same and thairfoir the eldaris in respect of hir dissobedience and fault ordanis hir to compeir tua seuerall Sondayis and to forbeir the said superstitioun

ather be hir assistance consent or presens in all tymes cuming vnder the payne of baneisment.

August 4th. — The minister and eldaris ordanis the clark of this assemblie to direct furthe ane summondis in thair names to summond certane honest and discreit persounes to compeir befoir thame for geving of delatioun of adulterers, fornicatioun, sweararis, banneris, dinging or injureing of father and mother, nicht walkeris and for committing of all vther vnlawfull actiounes pertenand to their censuring.

The said day thay haif ordanit Meddy Innes and Margaret Innes to mak thair repentance vnder the pain of excommunicatioun and ordanis John Walkar to gif vpp in bill the names of thame that ar dissobedientes to the ecclesiasticall disciplin of this burgh to the baillies of that quarter quhair thay dwell and to returne the ansuer of thair dilligence aganis this day aucht dayis.

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February 2nd.—*Accusatioun for refuising the bred.*—Allex^r. Grant accusit for refuising of the puiris bred maid his exscuise. Patrick Andirsoun accusit for denying to resave puiris bred and no lauchfull exscuise. Thomas Wmphray for the same caus. All ordanit to stand and await in the maist convenient place for gathering of support to the puir ilk ane thair tyme and day about as it falls to thame wtherwayis to pay the haill almes that sould haif bein gathered that day qlk wes not done throch thair slowthe out of thair awin purs and gif thai may not throch occasioun of seiknes or ony vther laufull caus wait on the samen that thai sall mak sum vther of their nichtbouris to occupy thair place for thame.

A generall Act.—It is appoynted that na puir beggar folk, quhidder thai be of burgh or landward, resoirt and cum within the kirkyaird on the Sondayis bot to be within the kirk and heir the preaching and that sum discreit men be appoynted to put the same to execution in tymes to cum that thair cry be not hard on the Sonday at the kirk duir.

February 16th. — Compeirit Thomas Vmphray, eldar, accusit for refusing of the puiris bred and is ordanitt gif he dois the lyik in tymes cuming to fulfill the act maid anent the refusaris of the bred and the said Thomas hes promeist to amend that fault and do the good he can in the lyik causes.

Particular (Act).—Compeiritt Johne Gauld, tailyour in this toun quha being accusit for the iniuring of his mother and the eldaris being certefeit of the same inrespect thai haif tane tryall thairin and hes found the said Johne culpabill of the same offence and thairfoir he is ordanit to stand in the joggis with ane myter on his heid fra ten houris to tuelf houris vpoun Saterdaye nixt at the trie nixt the scameles and for puneisching of all vtheris committaris of the lyik offence that is to say dingaris or missayaris of thair parentis sall stand in the joggis with ane mytre on thair heidis of paper contening the caus of thair offence that thay sit thair for.

In fauoris of the officiaris.—The minister and eldaris hes statut and ordanitt that of euerye persoun that beis wardit throch thair awin occasioun in the steipill the kirk officiar salhaif xii d and in cace thai refuis to paye the same thai haif gevin power and place to poynd the refusaris and mak thame selfis payment of the said sowme of xii d.

John Beig and his wyif, Johne Sutherland "Conscience" and his wyif are ordanit to be summonit for having of bairnes onbapteist.

February 21st.—*Dey: Air.*—John Dei ane vagabund persoun confessit his fornicatioun with Janet Air and hes actit him self to remove furth of this toun betuix this and the xxvi day of March nixt vnder the paine of burning him on the cheik with ane hoit iroun and sall mak his repentance on Sonday nixt and abstein fra the said [Janet Air] in all tymes cuming.

Duf.—Thomas Duf for giffin occasioun of sclander is appointed to sit on the stuill of sclander on Sondaye nixt in his awin claythis fra the beginning of the preaching to end thairof.

Douglas.—James Douglas sonn naturall to William Douglas vicar of Elgin hes confessit his fornicatioun with Agnes Smith seruitrix to Cristen Kellye and sall mak his repentance on Sondaye nixt.

Allex^{r}. Rob being accusit for contempt of the vorde for nocht resoirting to the Kirk hes actit himself to keip the preaching in tymes cuming in pane of xls.

It is ordanit that the dissobedient personis delatit and summonit to this daye and nocht compeirand sall be wardit in the stepill and thair to remane quhill thai fynd cautioun to entir to the townis court on Moundaye nixt.

Lumsden.—Cristen Lumsden ordanit to remoif hir self fra this paroche except vpoun mercat fair dayis and depart out thairof befoir the doun

going of the sone in pane of laying of ane hoit iroun vpoun hir cheik. Elspet Brownie hes willinglie actit hir self to remove out of this toun.

March 7th.—*Contract.*—Mr. Allex^r. Hay minister at Duppill ratifies ane contract of mariage with Janat Innes dochter to John Innes Reidhall burges of Elgin.

March 8th.—Androw Puggatt hes actit himself to abstein fra —— Meldrum and fra Isobell Lutfutt and all vther vemen and remove himself out of this toun the morne and to remane thairfra (except it be on mercat fair or vther dayis with ane maister and nocht to remain thairin eftir the soun going doun) and that in pane of burning on the cheik and to be cartit throch the toun.

March 9th.—*Loutfut.*—That ilk daye Issobell Lowtfutt ane commoun voman vardit in the stepill for giffin of hir bodie to all vncleness of fornicatioun and adulterie thir xx yeiris bygane hes actit hir self villinglie to remoif out of the toun and the college in pane of laying of ane hoit irone on hir cheik and cartane of hir throch the toun.

Russall.—Margaret Russall being vardit in the stepill and for to releif hir thairfra hes voluntarie actit hir self to mak hir repentance on Sondaye nixt and pay hir penaltie gif the same be requyrit and lyikwayis to abstein from John Arthour and all men within this congregatioun in tymes cuming in pane of baneischment.

March 22nd.—*Kelmane.*—Allex^r. Kelman accusit for playing at the catche vpoun the queir of this kirk expres aganis the act of court contenit within the buikis of court of the toun for inhibitioun of the samen he culd not denye and thairfoir is conuict in the sowm contenit in the actis maid thairanent and hes actit himself to forbear in pane of ten lib. gif he beis reincident in that fault.

Comperit Robert Malleis in Glakmarras, Allex^r. Hendrie thair, James Angous in Thornehill and David Johnstoun thair, Walter Innes in the Woid, quhilkis personis tuik and acceptit vpoun thame the office of elderschipe and hes be thair gryit aythis deponit that thai sall vse the said office godlie and faythfullye sa far as God hes or sal gif thame knawlege thairintill and hes promeist to compeir with the eldaris of this sessioun ains in the moneth for concurring with thame and assistand thame in the puneischment of wyce and manteining of vertew to the honour and glorie of God and commoditie of the commounwealthe.

The ministratioun of the communioun is ordanitt to be quhen lasour may be haid at the ischew of the beirseid becaus it was giffin in vynter last and ordanis examinationis to pas befoir the samyn.

March 23rd.—Compeiritt Alex^r. Dunbar of Vesthill in Pluscarden and faythfullie promeist to solempneize and accompleische mariage with Mariorye Straquhyn his lemmane and partie with quhome he haldis hous and desyris his bannis to be proclamit on Sondaye nixt and hes actit himself to performe the samyn in pane of tuantye pundis. [Performit.]

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March 29th.—Anent the supplication giffin in be —— Innes, it is appointit ony ane of his awin freinds within this toun to gang throch the toun for gathereing of support to him, and he sal haif licence to do the samyn.

Generall Act.—It is appointit that gif ony of thais that beis contenit in the roll for awaitting on the ordour of the Sabbothe daye to pas throch the toun, refuis to do the samyn at ony tyme sall paye ane penalty to the puir onforgevin.

April 26th.—It is ordanit that ane publict fast be obserued throchout this toun on Frydaye nixt bayth befoir none and eftir none and preaching to be during the samen and this act to be intimat to the townis folkis in the court for observing thairof and siclyk that the officiaris of this toun adverteis ther quarter of the toun particularlie quhairthroch thai may be the better prepared to that halie actioun of the supper of the Lord.

May 14th.—John Innes youngar burges of Elgin and Janat Annand dochter to Johnne Annand of Morrestoun thair bannis to be proclamit on Sondaye nixt.

May 17th.—*Generall act anent filthie langage.*—It is statut and ordanit thatt quhatsumeuir persoun beis challengit and found to haif spoikin filthie and abhominable langage and continewis and insistis in the same for the first fault sall stand in the joigis or ellis pay 20s. and mair gif the persoun be habill [the penalty and fines to be duplicated for further offences]. It is concludit vpoun that the personis presentlie within the stepill vardit thair for thair filthie and lascivious langage remane euerie ane of thame in the samyn quhill thai paye sax schillingis viiid. as ane

penaltie appointed thairfor and gif it happinis thame nocht to paye the samyn within xxiiij hours herefter thay salbe haid to the croce naikit fra thair belt up and thair ressaue ane half dussane strypis and convoyit fra that to the tolbuyt and thair ressaue als monye and fra thence to the skameles and thair be phippit and fra that to the nether bow and thair to suffer vi strypis and gif thai be fund incident in that vyce to be brunt on the cheik and expellit and baneist out of this toun.

Cristane Sutherland relict of Allex^r. Douglas accusit for latting of hir tung to lous renyeis promeist to desist.

Andro Sibbald accusit for abusing of himself and prophaning of the Sabboth daye immediatlie eftir the Communion in the laying doun of Magie Greff vpoun the hie calsaye and said Magye for non molesting and staying of him to do the same bot peaceablie sufferit the same for eschewing of the lyik enormitie in tymes to cum it is appointed gif ayther of thame beis fund in the lyk offence heirefter thai sall mak thair repentance thre seuerall Sondayes and paye xxs. for thair penaltie.

Hoig.—Elspet Hoig ordanit to mak hir repentance and to paye 40s. and to be wardit in the stepill quhill scho find cautioun and gif scho be fund relapsit to remove hirself out of this toun. [28th Jan. 1595.—She ressauit baneischment with hir awin consent and willinglie.]

May 23rd.—It is ordanit that all thais persounes that ver varnit to compeir this daye and hes compeirit [nocht] be poyndit in thair geir for thair contempt.

May 26th.—*Innes.*—Wm. Innes, tuyis relapse, to paye fyve lib. and mak his repentance.

Guthrie.—James Guthrie, saidlar, for contempning John Innes bailzie on the mercat evin last being Trinitie evin with ane drawing sworde in his hand and the said John being executing his office for the establischment of guid ordour in keiping of mercattis is ordanit to stand thrie severall Sondayis in harie clayth in the publict stuill of repentance and in the presens of the congregatioun delyver the hiltis of the said sword to the said Johnn Innes as to him quhom he offendit and for establischment of ane guid ordour and exampill to vtheris and thairefter the said veapoun quhairwith he iniurit the magistrat to hing thair thre severall Sondayes and declair the publict offence committit.

The entries of proclamation of banns about this time are very formal, thus :—" 1592, May 23.—Compeirit Robert Walker wricht in Elgin and

Beatrix Vobster, dochter to John Vobster, tailyeour thair and hes ratefeit ane promeis of mariage to vtheris with consent of thair parentis and freindis nayther of thame compellit thairto against thair willis and hes promesit to perform this samyn how soun thair bannis can be proclamit and to abstein fra vtheris and thairfoir be thir presentis giffis consent that thair bannis be proclamit on Sondaye."

June 1st.—*Campbell: Wulsoune.*—John Campbell and Janet Vulsoun comperit and hes promeist to marie vpoun Sondaye nixt at the morning prayeris.

June 7th.—Comperit Hemelie Yowny accusit for the away byding fra the Communioun ordanit to be wardit.

John Rob merchand confessit that he promeist mariage to Agnes Balfour dochter to vmq^{ll}. Mr. Patrik Balfour minister at Vrquhart with this provisioun that hir freindis wald support hir and him with sum of thair geir and culd nocht denye nor he gottin bairnis with the said Agnes. He is ordainit to pay xx lib. for non-abstinence contrar to Act of Februar last.

June 28th.—The minister crawit licence of the eldaris and counsall for the space of fyiftein dayis to do his lesum bussines in the sowth quhilk wes grantit and forder dayis as his necessitie requyrit.

July 7th.—Alexander Annand borrowit the Abbott of Cosraguellis mess.

July 28th.—John Nauchtie accusit for committing idolatrie in going to the vell denyit and is absoluit in respect of his ayth quhilk he maid for himself his wife and servandis.

August 2nd.—*Alseonar.*—W^{m}. Alseonar in Mestowie confessit he had tua bairnis with Issobell Allan with quhom he haldis hous the eldest is ten yeiris of age and the vther tua yeiris and ane half and the eldestis name is Helen the vther bapteizit with the mounk of Pluscarden.

Layng. — Thomas Layng in Vodsyid confessit his being at the idolatrous vell and said ane Issobell James gat hir helth thair.

The minister and eldaris ordanis the personis within Mestowye that wer summonit to this daye to be poyndit in respect of thair dissobedience.

September 27th—*Ker.*—James Kar servitour to Nicolas Vrrell hes actit himself to abstene fra Magye Tailzeour and all vther vemen

within this congregatioun in pane of baneischment, and ordanis Robert Leslie to bapteize his bairne presentlie.

October 11th.—Compeirit certane honest and discreit men of the parochineris landwart they ar to saye Thomas Innes, parsoun Bonach in Linkwode Gilbert Tam thair Ar^d^. Mill thair, Normond Cuming in Boig Thomas Cowy thair Johnn Mill in Linkwoode at the Valkmylln Maister Johnn Innes Mr. Allex^r^. Leslie Dauid Johnnstoun in Thornehill Robert Malleis in Glokmarras Allex^r^. Henrie thair Allex^r^. Raipair thair Andro Dik Robert Young thair Robert Walker in Barmikalty W^m^. Laing thair Walter Baxter in Vood Allex^r^. Sandy in Boigs W^m^. Froster in Glakmarras James Douglas in Inscharnoch all thais personis in generall and in speciall consentis that this act vnderwrettin be set doun fra this furth that is to saye gif ony persoun perrochiner alandwart cummis on the Sabboth daye to this toun beind found remaning on the streets or in aelhous or tauern, the tyme of preaching or vtherwayis occupeit nor in hearing of the word of God sall paye tua schillingis to the puir or vther godlie vsis and forther gif ony persoun of landwart parochiner of Elgin beis bidden repair to the hous of prayer be a magistrat inconteinent gif thai disobey sall ward in the stepill the space of xxiiij houris thairefter for thair contempt. And in lyikmaner that quhatsoeuir persoun or houshalder within this paroche byidis fra the kirk fra the preaching on the Sabboth daye (except greit caus of necessitie import) salbe conuict in sax schillingis aucht pennies Attour they constitut and ordanis Mr. Allex^r^. Leslie and Mr. Johnn Innes eldaris and ouersearis in the brayis of Langmorne as principall eldaris thairawaye.

October 18th.—*Slorach.*—Marion Slorach for committing crueltie on her own person with a knife is ordanit to stand in the joggis in the nether end of the toun and the said knife to be infixit in the tree beside her.

November 1st.—*Acts anent the Sabboth.*—James Brabner in the Green, William Michell thair, George Murisoun thair, consentit to the keiping of the actis of the Sabbothe, and in the meintyme thai being accusit for leading of cornis vpoun the Sabboth daye confessit the same, and hes actit thame selfis in pane of 40s. to mak their repentance in the paroche kirk of Elgin vpoun Sonday nixt in the east nuik thairof the tyme of preaching thairfoir.

Roy.—James Roy, pyper, accusit for ganging through the toun playing on his gryit pyipe in the nycht seasoun without consent or

licence of the toun and magistrats thairof and lykwayis for playing this last Sonday vpoun his gryit pyip at eftirnone in tyme of preaching in contempt of God his word and kirk and thairfoir thai appoint him to stand in the hairclayth on Sonday nixt and mak his repentance publictlie and that he remane in the stepill till he find caution to do the same.

Vauis.—George Wauis burges of Elgin being summonit for breking of the Sabboth be leading of his cornis and bigging of the samyn vpoun the Sabboth day quha confessit he did the same eftir none vpoun ane Sondaye becaus thai wer in pynt of tinsall nochtwithstanding of that answer the minister and eldaris ordanis him to mak his publict repentance and lyikwayis for ressauing of the personis baneist furth of this toun to shear his cornis and for saying he wald accept the dewill to do him service than, denyit the last part bot confessit he said he wald accept the personis baneist to schear his cornis, and thairfoir thai adiuge him in the vrong and worthie of puneishment.

November 7th.—Wm. Alseonar Thome Cryistie Wm. Chissolme in Mestowie being summonit to compeir this daye and dissobeyand ar ordanit quhen thei cum to this toun to be wardit in the stepill.

November 15th.—*David Sim.*—David Sim ordanit to forbear the Sondayis playing the tyme of preaching in pane of xxs.

December 13th.—*Generall Act.*—It is ordanit that na persoun or personis be permitted to remane in thair hous of the townis folkis or cuntrey folkis the tyme of preaching vpoun the Sabboth daye quhidder thai haif meat or drink or nocht vnder the pane of the actis maid anent the breking of the Sabboth daye maid heirtofoir.

Johnn Cowy maiessoun hes promeist and actit him self to mary Katty Cowy betuix this and this daye aucht dayis in pane of warding within the stepill of bayth the saidis persounis.

Janet Schand within the college ordanit to abstene fra Thome Duncane and all vtheris in pane of baneischment and mak hir repentance on Sondaye nixt.

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January 10th.—Thomas Stuart ane stranger man and now ane induellar within this burgh confessit fornicatioun and adulterie with ane stranger woman callit Elspet Fut, quha is alredie baneist furth of this

toun. It is ordanit that he sall thre seuerall Sondayis barfuttit and bairleggit mak his repentance in sak clayth. He actis himself to abstein fra the said Elspet Fwt and all vther wemen within this paroche in pane of baneischment and burning him on the cheik.

January 31st.—The said daye all the inhabitantis of the burgh of Elgin war summonit to compeir this daye befoir the minister and eldaris of the same for discharging of thair conscience in all the elestis thai knaw to be betuix the nichtboris of this toun quhairthrow thai micht communicat togidder the mair saiflie and being reconseillit and aggreit be the jugement of the minister eldaris and counsall for accompleisching thairof euerie man a maister of ane hous presentlie hes declarit in that mater as thai knaw the names of thais personis betuix quhome thair is elest and being devydit ordourlie in the four quarteris of the toun that sa mony may sit vpoun that caus in ilk quarter as the scroll and names quarterlie dewydit in the buik will testifie.

February 7th.—The personis suspectit of elestis amongis thame ar summonit quhairof mony of thame haif compeirit and submittit thame to the determinatiounis of the jugis and friends chosen for ayther of thair partis and certane of thais personis haif presentlie schaikin handis in presens of the said minister and eldaris and aggreit.

March 7th.—*Aganis the brekaris of the Sabboth.*—The said daye the haill merchauntis of this toun ar summonit to this daye and compeirand the minister and eldaris maist ernestlie desyris thame to forbear the Sondayis mercatt quhilk thai continuallie occupy and transgressis the Sabboth thairthrow, staying thame self from heiring of the Word and uthers therfra to the greit dishonour of God and hurt of the saulis of many and the saids merchaunts acknawlegand thair fault hes promeist to amend the samyn that thai sall nother in thair hous nor buyth buy nor sell vpoun na Sondayis heireftir in pane of the actis to be executit aganis thame maid in our assemblie books.

March 14th.—Janet Murraye confessit that Margaret Smyth causit hir cast furth watter upoun a Sonday doun in a stank and the said Janet declaris on hir conscience that part of the watter fell on hir feit and thaireftir hir feit peillit and that scho laye a lang tyme seik thairefter.

William Young, stallinger induellar in this burgh, accusit for selling of drink on the Sabbothe culd not deny becaus this is the first tyme he is spairit and hes promeist to forbeir.

James Ogilvie, sone in law to Thomas Umphraye, accusit for suffering his wyif sell merchandice in his hous upoun the Sondaye, quha refusit nochtheless hes actit that na wairis perteining him salbe sauld on the Sabboth.

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April 4th.—This daye certane vphaland peopill fornicatoris being summonit to this daye wiz. Andro Coker with Magy Culbak promeist to compeir this day aucht dayis.

Angous: Vatsoune.—Nicholl Watsoun and Jhone Angous induellaris in the burgh of Elgin being accusit for accompaneing the Jesuiettis and in speciall thais quho ar with my ladye Sutherland and helping of thame to say mes, the minister offeris him to resolue the saidis personis gif thai be in doubt of thair religioun and for making ansuer to this accusatioun hes giffin thame till adwyse till efternoone.

Barbara Feldoun hes actit hirself ouer agane to remove hir self out of this toun and to remane perpetually furth of the samyn vnder the panis of burning of hir in thre partis of the face gif scho contravenis the samyn. The assemblie geivis command to Robert Leslie, redar in this toun, to bapteis hir bairne on Sondaye nixt cumis.

Janet Martyn comperit and askit mercie and pardin of James Young armorar for the miscalling of him and hes actit hir self neuir to commit the lyk in tymes cuming vnder the panis of standing in the joggis and hairclayth xxiiij hours.

April 10th. — Helen Fowlertoun depones scho hard Annapill Thomsone call Elspet Robertson, spouse to James Petrie, witches geit. The act against slanderers to be put in full execution against Annapill Thomsone.

Andro Cocker in Linkwod and Margaret Culbak thair ar contractit to mary and mak thair repentance on Sonday nixt.

April 18th.—It is appointed that sum support be gewin to Wm. Fynnie out of the puir folkis money.

May 9th.—Eftir ressoning anent the day of the Communion and materiallis for the same it was concludit that the greatest number of honest men within the toun suld be summoned agane the nixt Frydaye the allewint of this instant to gif thair opinion in respect of the busie tyme of yeir twtching the communioun and materiallis.

May 11th.—It is appointit that the Communioun be ministrat upon Sondaye the xxvii day of this instant and for the better preparatioun thairunto they haif appointit ane fast and abstinence to be upoun Sondaye the xx day of Maij and preiching that day vpoun Vedinsdaye and Fryday thairefter the xxiij day and xxv day thairof ane fast and preiching to be preceislie keipit the saidis dayis through owt the haill broghe and landwart sa mony as will aggre and for notifeing of the premisses ordainis the minister to proclaim the samyn out of pulpit on Sondaye nixt for publicatioun thairoff.

Taxatioun, Bell.—It is appointed that ane summonds be maid be the clark of our assemblie to summond a certane of the maist zealous wyis and discreit personis bayth of the brogh and landwart agane Tuyisday the xv day of this instant moneth of Maij to compeir within the queir of the paroche kirk of Elgin the said daye to laye a taxatioun for the payment of the casting ouer agane of the new bell of this kirk.

May 15th.—*Taxatioun.*—Mr. Alex. Douglas convenit Alexr. Haye of Frosterseat, Mr. Alex. Leslie, persoun of Botarie in Quhyitwraye, personis alandwart, Wm. Gibsoun, Mr. James Gardin, Alex. Hoppringhill, James Patrie. Ilk pleuch landwart to pay xiijs iiijd and the toun to tax themselves by thair taxmasters.

May 16th.—Comperit Barbara Sutor being summondit to gif up delatioun of thais quhome scho knew to gang to the idolatrous well of the chappell callit Ladye Grace this last summer. Scho delatis imprimis hir awin dochter —— Tarras, Effie Femaister within this toun, Janet Beig, Marjorie Iwell, Consciens dochter, Agnes Innes, dochter to Walter Innes in Elgin, Jhone Edam in Innerlochtie. Lyikwayis hes actit hir selff that scho sall neuir heirefter pas in pilgrimage to the said chappell and well thairof ather zit to ony uther idolatrous place in tymes cuming undir the pane of baneischment.

May 23rd.—*Fraser.*—Comperit Alexr. Fraser in Linkwod quho is contentit to stand in the saikclothe tuelff Sondayis fra the first bell bairfutit and bairleggit vnto the ending of the preaching that is to saye fra the first bell to the hindmest in the kirk dur, desyring the peopill that gois by to pray for him, at the beginning of the preaching to stand vpoun the vmest greis quhair the scholleris sittis vndir the great vindow and gif sa be that the saidis minister and eldaris persauis no signis of his repentance to stand langer as thai dewyis and lyikwayis gif he

happinnis in ony tyme heireftir to commit adulterie he hes actit him self to remove out of this paroche and for accompleisching of the former part of this act sall compeir on Sonday cum aucht dayis as the first day of his repentance.

May 25th.—Comperit Tyberius Winchester, being accusit for going through the toun with certane raskell in company with him pype and swesche the xix day of Maij on the evening befoir the fast confessit. He is ordanit to sit in his awin place and sall ryis quhen the minister callis on him on Sonday nixt and confess his offence and repentance and amendment for the same.

May 31st.—Effie Femaister confessit hir passing in pilgrimage to the Chappell callit the Lady of Grace and the Act maid anent idolators to be execut upoun hir and scho being found reincident salbe baneist.

June 20th.—Grissal Jhonestoun confessit hir pilgrimage to the vell quha hes actit hir self gif scho beis fund relapsit salbe baneist.

The Catechisme is appointit fra Sondaye nixt cuming to be teacht at efter noonis in the kirk ilk Sondaye and for dew and lautfull varning to compeir to heir the samen the minister is appointit to proclame the samen in pulpeit on Sonday nixt.

June 27th.—*The Ministeris Licence to the South.*—The minister in respect that he was ernestlie crawit be my Lord of Mortownis letter to pas sowth with my Lord Buchquhane and certane uther neidfull adois of his awin, cravit ane twantie dayis or ane monethis licence whilk was grantit provyding that he causit sum of his brethren to occupy his place in teaching upon the Sondaye till his returning.

July 4th.—The eldaris hes appointit that all thais that var varnit and compeirit nocht be vairditt in the steipill.

July 18th.—*Skonnis.*—Alex[r]. Mudderak alias Skonnis is actit to mak his publict repentance on Sonday nixt and Sonday nixt thairefter bairfutit and bairleggit and lyikwayis to abstene fra Issobell Taillyour and all vther vemen within this paroche in all tymes cumming in pane of baneischment.

August 16th.—*Millis confessioun.*—William Mill skinner confessit conference with Mr. Jhone Innes anis or twyis or thryis bot na wyis throch contempt bot vpoun houpe to bring to repentance. James Mill maltman confessis the confering with Mr. Jhone Innes sax tymes and hes bein in his hous four tymes and hes eattin and drunkin with him

quhome the eldaris hes inhibit presentlie to haif ony dealing with him in tymes cuming vndir the panes of excommunicatioun and siclyk the said William Mill is inhibit.

August 29th.—*Boynd.*—Alex^r^. Boind confessit conference with James Knowis in Kempstoun (excommunicat) and in lykmaner James Petrie culd [not] deny conference with the said James (being excommunicat) and that in respect the saidis Allex^r^. and James wer crawand fra him certane debtis quhilk he was awand thame nochtwithstanding thai ar presentlie inhibit to haif ony dealing, meiting conference or speiking with him in tymes cuming vndir the panis of excommunicatioun.

Greiffis confessioun of hir bairne smoiring.—Margaret Greiff confessis she sufferit her barne to be smoirit through negligence vpoun the nycht. She is ordanit to stand three Sondayis in sackclothe bairfut and bairleggit in the kirk befoir the congregatioun beginnand at the first bell so arrayit to stand in the porche of the kirk quhill the last bell ring to the preaching ceiss and than fra that to be removit be ane officiar to the commoun place within the kirk appointit for thais that stand in hair or sackclothe and thair to stand all the quhyill of the preaching and prayeris and in the haill meintyme of the making of hir repentance appoynts ane mytre of papir vpoun hir head or breist, with ane inscriptioun thairupoun conteining the caus of hir being thair.

September 5th.—*Intimatioun.*—The presbyterie hes ordanit euerie minister within the precincts to intimie to thair perochioneris the excommunicatioun of Mr. Johne Innes and James Knowis of new.

Thomas Gaa, cordiner, convict of vorking on the Sabboth, having treit a boot and sewit a heill. He is ordanit to pay xxs.

October 18th.—*Nominatioun of the Eldaris.*—The minister maid nominatioun of the names of all the eldaris that ar to be chosin publictlie vpoun Sondaye nixt in presens of the haill auditoris for this yeir of 1593 yeiris and 1594 yeiris to Michaelmes nixt quho desyrit to vndirstand gif thair wes ony occasioun lauchfull to be schawin quhy thei culd nocht beir that office and nathing being proponit or opponit in the contrar the minister proceidit to the nominatioun of the deacones. The names of the eldaris ar thais: Jhone Annand of Murrestone, James Douglas, Wm. Gibsoun of Murrestoun [? Shereffmilne], David Torrie, Mr. James Gardin, Alex^r^. Boynd, Alex^r^. Annand, James Ogiluy, Jhone Innes elder, Thomas Haye, commoun clark, Mr. Alex^r^. Rawsoun,

Mr. William Clark, Wm. Young. The names of the deacounes ar thais: Thomas Haye merchant, James Young, David Watt, James Patrik. Desyrit to accept the office of elderscipe a landwart and within the perioche of Pluscarden: The laird of Pettindreiche, Thomas Hepburne, Mr. Alexr. Leslie, Alexr. Innes in Quhitwray, Williame Innes of Blakhillis, Alexr. Haye of Frosterseat, etc.

October 31st. — *Act anent the fischar vyues.* — The minister and eldaris hes appointit the officiaris to poynd the fischaris vyues for banning and suearing as thai sall be attaitchit thairwith and lyikwayis to summond the wemen within this toun befoir the sessioun and appeall thair conscience and as thai be fund guiltie to pay xiid. for the first and to be duplicat as thai salbe fund relapsit and the fischar vyues to be poyndit of a doussand haddokis for the first, etc.

November 7th. — Jhone Man in Murrestoun sclanderit Richart Varden his vyif and bairnis in maist schameful maner in calling of the said Richart theif and his bairnis thevis geittis. He is appointed to fulfill euerie poynt of the act anent sclandereris [June 2nd, 1591] viz. that the said Jhone Man sall remain in the stepill vpoun his awin expensis ay and quhill he find sufficient cautioun that he sall compeir befoir the congregatioun of Elgin the nixt thrie Sondayis heirefter and mak his publict repentance in sackcloth vpoun the new stuill in the north east nuik of the kirk with a papir vpoun his breist contenand the caus quhairfoir he sittis thair and confess his fault befoir the congregatioun present.

November 21st.—Convenerunt Mr. Alex. Douglas, minister at Elgin, John Annand of Murrestoun, William Gibsoun of Shereffmylne, Mr. James Gardin, bailyie, David Torrie, bailzie, Thomas Hay, townis clark, William Young, burges, etc.

Generall Act.—Monie of the inhabitantis of the said burghe being convenit within the queir in presens of the minister, baillies and eldaris, thay being inquyrit generallie and be thair names particularlie to consent to reformatioun and purgatioun of the said burgh of all and sindrie viked, sclanderous and unprofitabill memberis of the publict veall thairof, efter inquisitione of the quhilks thay all as ane man in ane voce consentit and aggreit that the said micht be done dilligentlie with exact executioun to the performing wherof they promeist thair concurrence, fortificatione and assistance, and becaus oftymes it happinis that quhen

sick persones as ar remowit and baneist furth of this toun returnis to the toun maist contempnandlie vilipending and transgressing the guid actis mad for the commoun weill thairof sindrie honest men interponis thame selffis solistaris in their causis as it ver fortefearis of thair synne, for voyding thairof it is aggreit vpoun and appointit and ordanit that quhosoeuir within the said burgh responsall men procuris or solistis for baneist personis that ar apprehendit to be puneist sall pay xiii lib. vi s. viii d. money of thair redeast geir to the vse of the godlie. Be the adwyis of the baillie and eldaris.

Fraser.—The minister and eldaris giff command and powar to the townis officiaris to incarcerat Alex^r^. Fraser in Linkvod in the stepill quhill he find cautioun for performing of his dewtie by making his repentance.

December 5th. — *Smyth merchand.* — Compeirit Alex^r^. Smyth, merchaund being accusit of dishaunting of the preaching vpon Sondayis and oppining of his buyth dur that daye quho is forbidden to do lyik in tymes cuming vndir the pane of the act maid thairanent and the said Alex^r^. hes promeist to obey and observe the ordour.

December 19th.—*The licence of William Gibsoun; the depositioun of merchantis.* — David Gawdie, merchant, confessit that he sauld xvi d. of sukir upoun Sondaye last be licence of William Gibsoun. James Patrik, merchaunt, confessit selling efter the efternoonis preaching be licence of Mr. James Gardin. James Calder confessit the selling of a bonet efter the efternoonis preaching upon Sondaye last. James Valker and Alex^r^. Smith, merchandis, confessit selling sum waris upon Sondaye last. Alex^r^. Anderson, merchant, confessit selling of half eln of linen. George Wauis confessit the selling of a stane of iroun be licence upoun Sonday last.

December 20th.—James Anderson, merchaunt, confessit selling of sum gray clayth upoun a Sonday in necessitie to mekill James Stewart in his haistie passing that time efter the efternoonis preaching to the south. Patrik Andersoun accusit for breaking of the Sabboth daye be selling of fleschis and halding of his buith dur oppin. Jhone Tailzeour confessit the breaking of a scheipe on Sondaye but he is accusit of slayand a scheipe that tyme. Alexander Anderson, fleschar, confessed the selling of a quarter scheipe on Sondaye last. Mathow Clark confessit *eodem modo.*

It is appointed that all personis of quhatsumeuir degre that beis fund at pastyme or playing on Sondaye at the tyme of preaching ather befoir noone or efter noone sall pay xxs. *ad pios vsus.*

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January 4th.—Compeirit Tiberius Winchester quhome the minister and eldaris accusit for gysing through the toun upone the 27th day of December accompaneit with a pyper and certane utheris ryotous pepill efter nyn houris of the nicht quho denyit ony abuse in the doing thairof and thairfor the eldaris appointis him to be heir the morne to ansuer in the said mater quhen thair salbe a gretar number of the eldaris.

January 5th. — *Vinchister.* — Tiberius Winchester confessit ryding through the toun upon Thuirsdaye at evin the 27th day of December accompaneit with a pyper. The said daye mony of the craftismen of the said burghe convenit sic as tailzearis, cordineris, vobstaris, flescharis, and merchantis, the quhilkis personis wer all accusit for prophaning of the Sabbothe daye be vorking and playing as also for selling of certane merchandice. Euerie craftismen and merchantt quhois buith durris beis found oppyne upon the Lordis day sall pay 40s. for the first fault and if they be found relapsit to be duplicated the penaltie. Euerie merchand and craftisman registrat in this Assemblie buik as confessit to pay 6s. 8d.

January 16th. — *Duf: Greif.* — Thome Duff confessit that Magy Greif was in his hous at eating and drinking bot not with him on 25th Decr. The eldaris hes continewit thair sentence in this purpois quhill a fullar number of the eldaris be present. The said Magy Greif appointed to mak hir repentance for committing fornicatioun with Androw Gibsoun on Sonday nixt.

The act anent sclanderaris to haif full executioun vpoun James Kar for calland Agnes Smyth spous to Nicolas Wrrell glangoirie witche and mony vther injurious wordis.

January 23rd. — Convenit within the queir for administratioun of justice Mr. Alex^r^. Douglas James Pringhill, etc. It is concludit thair salbe a fast in this toun quhilk salbe intemeit furth of the pulpitt on Sondaye nixt.

February 6th.—David Gady hes promeist to marie Barbara Galt on Sonday nixt.

February 15th.—*Alues : Barnet.*—Johne Alues confessit fornicatioun with Effame Barnet quho ar appointit to mak thair publict repentance bairfuttit and bairlegit and abstein frome vtheris and all vtheris in this paroche in tymes cuming vndir pane of baneischment. It is also concludit that all personis conuict of fornicatioun sall mak thair repentance thairfoir bairfutit and bairleggit fra this tyme fordward and lyikwayis being relapsit thryis nocht responsall in geir sall remove and be baneist.

March 6th.—*Examinatiounis.*—The examinatiounes of the toun to begin on Mondaye nixt, the maisteris of the famileis befoir noone and the servandis efternoone, and the communion to be ministrat to the landward on Sondaye cum aucht dayis and to the toun the Sondaye thaireftir and for the better preparatioun thairunto a fast to be vpoun Wedinsdaye and Frydaye the ouk befoir.

March 13th.—*Contract.*—Johne Gordoun of Corridoune and Cristane Sutherland in Elgin comperit in the minister and eldaris presens and thair oppinlie and villinglie be thair mutual consentis ratefeit apprewit and confermit ane promeis of mariage betuix thame to be performit betuix the dait heirof and the xx day of Apryill nixt and for that effect desyris that thair bannis be proclamit on Sondaye nixt to cum.

March 22nd.—*Ordinance.*—It is appointed that nane salbe ressauit to the communion bot sic personis as giffis thair obediens to the examinatiounes of quhatsoeuir estait thay be. As tuitching the ordour to be teakin with the commoneris and hauntaris of my lord of Huntlie excommunicat continewis bot concludis to prosecut the ordour vpone the commoneris of Mr. Jo^n^. Innes excommunicat.

1594.

April 10th.—*Innes.*—Comperit Cristane Innes and declarit the caus quhy scho stayit onmaid hir repentance on Sonday last wes becaus the ledder that stuid at the pillar of repentance was tane awaye.

April 12th.—*Ordinance.*—It is appointed that the haill personis that wer appointed to be removit furth of this toun be summonit agane

Wedinsday nixt and also ane gryit number of the honest men of the toun to put the act maid thairanent to executioun.

April 17th.—*Yownye.*—Comperit Janet Yewnye hauand ane barne in fornicatioun with Johne Torrie ordanit to remuf at Vitsondaye nixt and Robert Leslie to bapteis the barne.

Margaret Smith appointed to mak hir repentans on Sondaye nixt and to abstein frome Johne Rob and all vtheris within this perroche in tymes cuming vndir the pane of baneischment.

Wm. Allan cutlar being reincident with Symound the cutlaris dochter appointed to pay xx s. and mak his repentans vndir the pane of baneischment.

April 24th.—It is appointit that the commoun ordour be vsit anent the barroun of Sanquhir for committing fornicatioun with Janet Cuik.

Ministeris licence. — The minister crawit licence to the generall assemblie becaus he was appointed be the last Synod ane of the Commissioneris thairto. The eldaris consentit to his request.

May 8th.—The eldaris haif ordanit to poynd all thais that wer summonit and hes nocht compeirit and thaireftir to put thame in the steipill for thair disobediens. Janet Yewnie to mak hir repentans on Sondaye nixt and present hir barne to baptisme vndir pain of setting of hir in the joggis.

May 25th.—*Intimatioun.*—The minister declarit to the eldaris that throch all the kirkis of the south ther wes ane fast to be ye xxvi day of Maij and also desyrit the same to be practeizit in this toun. The eldaris consentit that so far furth as thay micht that the samyn sould be followit and done in Elgin. Also the minister requyrit the eldaris to adwyis with sic thingis as thai vald have done in the parliament that he micht mak the Commissioneris of Murraye forsein thairof and in the meintyme desyrit the balyeis and eldaris to stay the trinitie mercat vpon Sondaye nixt bot that the said mercat sall evir heireftir be vpoun the Tuyisday thaireftir.

May 29th. — It is appointit to mak the inhabitantis of this toun forsein of ane publict fast to be vpoun Sonday nixt, the drum to pas throch the toun to notifie thame thairof.

June 18th.—James Geddes and Janet Varden in Elgin haif ratefeit ane promeis of mariage maid be athir of thame to vtheris to be performit be tham within xx dayis nixt heireftir and to that effect Wm.

Murraye burges of the said burgh is becum actit that the said parteis sall fulfill the samyn and that thai sall abstein quhill thai be mareit vnder the paynis of x lib. and they actit to releif him.

June 26th.—It is appointit that thair salbe ane fast tua first Sondayes of July nixt to cum.

Generall Act.—It is appointit that the servandis of the burgh kepe the preaching ayther foirnone or efternone under the paynis of poynding of 16d. of their fie.

July 3rd.—Thomas Smyth accusit for nocht repairing to the preiching promeist to amend.

It is appointit that ane exhortatioun be everilk daye in the morning during the fast whilk begins on Sondaye nixt till Sondaye thaireftir.

James Cumming, tailyeour, accusit for nycht walking and playing at the kylis the tyme of devyne service and for dishaunting the kirk.

Wm. Smith accusit for dishaunting of the preaching and prayeris and for playing at vain pastymes the tyme thairof quho hes promeist to amend in thais and to that effect hes fund Wm. Young cautioun vndir the pane of baneischment of the said Smith.

Symound the cutlar actit to haunt the keiping of the devyn seruice and dishaunt his suearing and banning in tymes cuming vndir paynis of baneischment.

Magye Greiff hes actit to compleit the band of mariage with Androw Gibsoun.

July 17th.—It is appointit that James Baxter be put in the stepill for his contemp and dissobedience. The said James hes promeist to amend and be present at the preachingis vndir the pane of vplifting of xl s. worth of his geir within xxiiij houris thaireftir.

In the caus persewit be the procuratour fischall aganis Janet Douglas spous to Thomas Dolles for sclandering of David Torre magistrat the townis court hes referrit to this assemblie quhilk thai haif tryit and found trew and also referrit the puneischment of the said Janet and the puneischment of Katherein Nicoll spous to Richart Varden to the said assemblie for sclandering of the said Dauid and vther of the magistratis of this burgh vpoun the commoun and publict calsaye quhilk sclander the said Katherene confessit. The act anent sclanderaris to be put in executioun in thair personis.

Particular Act.—James Douglas, sone naturall to William Douglas vicar of Elgin, hes actit him self to be baneist gif euir he beis found at pastyme the tym of preaching or yit found ane common player as he haid vount.

July 24th.—*Nicoll.*—Katherein Nicholl spous to Richart Varden accusit for mismaking of hir repentance vpoune Sondaye last and speiking of malicious vordis in the meantym thairof and thairfoir scho is appointit to stand in sackclayth and mak hir repentance ouer agane ay and quhill scho be found trewlie humbled.

The cutlar Allan hes consentit to his awin baneischment furth of this paroche gif euir heireftir in cace he be reincident with Symound the cutlaris dochter.

September 25th.—*Confessioun of Smyth.*—Agnes Smithe, nureische to Valtir Auldcorn, sumtyme nureische to James Andersoun, accusit for conferring with ane woman callit Janet Cuming suspectit of vitchcraft quho confessit that scho spak to the said Janet and speirat at hir gif scho culd helpe the seik barne that scho was fosterand of James Andirsonis, quho ansuerit that scho culd. Confessis that the said Cuming cam thryis to James Andersonis hous broght with her wattir in ane pig and veische the barne thairwith, scho confessis and declaris that the said Janet Cuming bad her, viz. the said nureische, go the place of the kirk whair Grissall Urrellis first barne ves bureit and thair unspokin tak up ane handfull of meildis and bring the same to the said Janet Cuming that scho micht put the same among the vatter that suld vesche the seik barne with, scho declarit that scho zeid to the grave and did as scho bad hir, also confessis that scho the said Agnes Smyt careit the watter that veische the barne at the command of the said Cuming to the rynnand wattir of Lossie and keist in the same thair that nane suld hurt thairby and the said Smyth grantis that scho helpit to put the said Cuming ouer the bak dyik of the said James Andersons zaird.

[Blank September 25th, 1594, to May 21st, 1596, except a few irregular entries.]

1596.

May 21st.—*Edie.*—Andro Edie, officiar, convict in the payment of 6s. 8d. for keiping of taverns and hoistillarie in his hous upon Sonday last.

June 2nd.—*Anent the removing furth of the kirk.*—It is appointit and ordanit be the haill sessioun that quhatsumevir persoun responsall removis furth of the kirk the tym of preaching thairin and speciallie befoir the gewing of the blessing sall paye of thair ewest geir for the first fault 6s. 8d. the secund fault dublit and triplit and oftner then thryis comptit contemp and thairfoir to be puneist in thair geir and making of thair repentance and in lyik maner this same puneischment to strik vpoun theis that abydis in the queir the tym of preiching quhair thai can nocht heir the worde. Item that ther be upliftit xld. of sick as abydis fra the kirk the tym of preiching specialie upoun the Sabboth daye. A gentill and generall admonition for keiping of the prayeris upoun the nixt Sondaye, tua bailleis to stay the mercat afoir noon and uther tua the eftir noon to the same effect.

Excommunicantis.—It is appointit that the handbell go throch the toune inhibiting all and sindrie the parochinaris of Elgin to accompany the corps of ony excommunicat persoun to the buriell vnder the payn of x lib. and making of thair repentance thairfoir.

Lasciviousness of the lasses. — Magie Tailzeour, seruand woman to Alexander Grant, Elspet Beig, servitour to James Calder, Magie Thomsoune, seruand to James Donaldsoun, merchant, confessit thame to be in ane dance callit gillatrype, singing a foull hieland sang, for the quhilkis they confess thame selffis worthie of puneischment and thairfor desyris the juges to schaw thame fauour at this present and thai sall nevir commit the lyik under sic paynes as thai vill enjoyne thame and efter thair confessing wer committit againe to waird to remane thair quhill thei find cautioun to mak thair publict repentance and that thei sall nevir committ the lyik under the payne of the tynsall of thair feis to be upliftit fra thair maisters and applyet *ad pios vsus ecclesiae.*

June 16th. — *Boynd accusit.* — Alex^r. Boynd confessit accompanying the corps of an excommunicat persoun not altogidder villinglie but rayther accidentlie nochttheless be ressoun he is ane eldar and ves at the makinge of the act adiuges him to stand in his awin habit and in his awin place confess his fault.

June 18th.—Thomas Hay merchaunt burges of Elgin accusit for praying of execrationis and cursingis aganis the niohtboris layaris of the taxatioun confessit and promeist to amend thairfoir be confessing publictlie his fault vpoun Sondaye in the congregatioun and kirk of

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Elgin rysing out of his awin place the tym thairof and desyring God and the pairteis offendit mercie and pardoun.

Marjorie Andersoun the relict spous of Blais Alves accusit for remanying within this burgh seeing scho ves baneist out of the samyn and thairfoir scho is ordanit to remove out of this toun on Monunday.

June 30th.—The eldaris accusit the sleuth and absens of the officiaris on Sondaye and non compeirance this daye to produce ather poyndis or to testifie thair dilligence naytherhaue they summonit sic personis as they fand abusing the Sabboth day be selling of meat and drink on the Sonday or yit in thair houssis the tyme of preaching. The eldaris hes promeist to visie euerie man his quarter of the toun the morne.

July 21st. — *Ministeris returning out of Orknay.** — The minister desyrit to vnderstand quhow all the commoun effairis and speciallie of the conventiounes to the sermonis sen his north passing quho ansuerit veill albeit nocht sa veill as gif himself haid been present.

July 23rd.—The haill eldaris present settis doun this act that is to say that thair salbe upliftit of all flyttaris and blasphemaris of thair nichtbouris within this paroche four lib. money gif thai be responsall besyd thair repentance as is alredy prescryvit quhilk money salbe applyit *ad pios vsus ecclesiae.*

S. James fair.—A proclamatioun anent the removing of S. James dayis mercat af of the Sondaye and all utheris fairis that salhappin to fall on a Sabboth to continew quhill Tuysdaye thairefter for thair mercat day and Monunday the mercat ewin and siclyik a proclamatioun on the mercat daye to be, charging all merchands and uther gentilmen to cum and gif thair adwyis with the minister and eldaris of this paroche anent the prevening and postponying of all the mercatts fallin on the Sabboth dayes.

July 28th.—Maister William Douglas, moderator of the presbiterie of Elgin, and with him Maister Alexander Rasoun, minister at Spynie, clark, Maister Alex^r. Innes, minister at Birney, cam to the visitatioun of the said kirk of Elgin. The minister and eldaris present and mony of the honestest men of the said burgh convenit with thame within the queir of the said kirk of Elgin.

* The minister was not present at meetings between June 25th and July 16th.

August 4th.—*Vedinsdayes preaching.*—It is appointit that thair go with the officiaris sum honest men vpoun the Vedinsdayis alsweill as on the Sabboth dayis to compell the obstinat personis to the kirk and remove the tumult on the calsay.

Maister James Gairdin, baillie, is appointit to charge the haill inhabitantis of this burgh to build vp thair part of the kirkyaird dyik and the minister to charge and move the landward to big thair partis thairof.

Anent banning and suearing. — All sic personis as prophane the halie name of the eternall God be banning and suearing sall pay 6s. 8d. and mak thair publict repentance.

Mr. Jhonn Innes.—All sic personis as confer with Maister Johnne Innes excommunicat, or ressaue him in thair houses sall pay ten libs. money.

August 6th. — *Anent Alexr. Gadderar and the vidow.* — Alexander Gadderar desires to be reconceillit with the kirk for the slaughter of Alexander Symond, as also reconciliation with his wife [widow], freinds and bairnis, whom he is willing to satisfie be the awyise of the minister and eldaris. Compeirit Issobell Geddes relict of the said Alexander Symond. The eldaris fix the assythment and satisfaction to the said wife and bairns at four scoir merks money. Issobell Geddes to mak a securitie that the said Alexr. salbe skaythles of hir or ony of hir bairnis.

August 11th.—Issobell and Margaret Tailyeour, the daughters of —— Fyndlay and the said Fyndlay hir selff to do thair repentance on Sonday nixt for thair publict flytting and frequent skailding on the calsay vnder the payne of fywe pundis.

Sic persons as ar varnit not compearand to be wairdit.

John Man of Trowis and Jeane Douglas, daughter of umquhill Mr. Alexander Douglas, provest of Elgin, and his spouse Agnes Leslie, thair bannis to be proclamitt.

August 13th. — *The Kirkyaird dyik.* — Certane of the towns folk promeist to big the Kirkyaird dyik, south syid, within fyvetein dayis under the pain of 40s. John Bonyman to big sex futtis in lenth and hycht as affeirs. Thomas Haye, merchand, promeist to big vii futt as it aucht to be biggit in the place quhair himself hes use to stand, becaus it is doun. Patrik Andersoun hes promeist aucht futtis anent his awin hous.

August 18th.—Sic yettis and durris as ar found stekit upoun the officiaris quhen thei pas through the toune on the Sabboth daye with the visitours for inbringing the peopill to the sermon salbe callit dissobediens and puneist thairfoir.

August 20th.—*Preparatioun to the Fast.*—The eldarschipe ordanis the bell to pas through the toune upoun the xxi day of this moneth dischargand all preparatioun of meatts on Sondaye nixt bayth at eftir and foir noon bot a generall fast and abstinence to be that day through the haill toune and all personis to convein to the preachingis and that ther be na kynd of pastyme or ony serveill varks bot all to giff thame selffis to humiliatioun and prayer under the pane of ten lib.

August 25th.—*Millaris of the auld Mylnis.*—Alexander Annand and Robert Innes promeist to assist the officiar to poynd the tennents of Pluscarden anent the bell silver.

September 3rd.—Walter Youngsone Robert Ross and Jhone Young vnder millaris of the auld mylnis of Elgin confessit that thei careit ane certane feill vpoun thair schulderis and tuik out certane ruittis and patt in the dampner vpoun Sonday wes aucht dayis and thairefter cum to the preaching and observit the fast with the rest of the peopill. They ar appointit to cum and mak thair publict repentans on Sonday nixt.

September 8th.—James Reid accusit for going about the feilds on Sondaye wes aucht dayis the tym of the eftir noones sermoun quha answerit and deponit on his conscience that he wes suirlie informit befoir of sum guidis that wes appeirand to do skaith him in the cornes.

It is appointit and ordanit that sick of the eldaris as mitigat and deducis be thair voitting ony part of penalteis contenit in the assembly buiks sall pay alsmekill out of thair awin purs as they mitigatt and deduce of the samyn.

George Duncan accusit for byding fra the kirk the tym of the sermoun tuk it vpoun his conscience that he vantit ane playid to put about and that ves his stayine.

All kynd of pastime during the harvest on Sondayes forbidden bot onlie a soberetie and fasting, prayers and invocatioun to be obseruit during the samyn.

September 10th.—*Anent leadis and burdeins.*—A proclamatioun be sound of the hand bell to be maid upoun Saterday nixt that na persoun

or personis outher townisfolks, cuntrymen or strangeris trawell on the Sabboth day with ony leads, burdeins or ony other cariage under the pane of paying of xs.

Jhone Campbell convict for being in his yaird efter the hyndmost bell.

September 29th.—Johne Gauld confessit his absens from the sermon afoirnoone the last Sondaye and thairfoir is convict in the penaltie.

November 4th. — Robert Innes sonne to vmquhile Jhonne Innes sumtyme in Kynneduart and Janet Brodie daughter of vmquhile Laird of Brodie haiff ratefeit ane promeis of mariage.

November 10th.—Janet Henry spous to Johnne Layng sall remane in the steipill quhill scho find cautioun to stand thrie severall Sondayes zit in the stuill of repentance becaus of hir flyiting aff of the steipill head and that scho sall nocht be found in tymes cumming flyittand with ony of the inhabitants of this burgh.

A proclamatioun to be done upon Satterday nixt aganis all strangeris that remanis begging in this toun and the puir contanit within the puir folks roll to be warnit to be heir on Frydaye nixt to be admoneist to haunt and remane within the kirk on the Sabboth dayis and not to be found on the calsay begging vnder the paynes of deleiting of thair names furth of the roll.

A tickat for admonitioun of the fischaris and the buyaris of fische the tym of preaching on the preaching dayis.

November 11th.—*Particular Act.*—It is appointit that there be upliftit and poyndit of all the wemen that wes summoned to compeir that compeirit nocht this day for their contumacie 6s. 8d. for buying fische vpoun Wedinsday the tyme of preaching.

November 17th.—*Leslie.*—Walter Leslie tailyeour [for deforcing the officer when poynding a plaid for his Walter Leslie's absence from the sermon] is ordanit to stand nixt Sonday during the sermon afoirnoone in the joggis and clayth and to stand in the steipill quhill evening.

November 26th.—It is appointit that all personis within this burgh of whatsoeuir estait that movis discord or dissentioun eftir tryall sall pay v libs money besyd thair repentance to be maid on a stuill anent the pulpit that sall be maid to that effect.

December 8th.—*Thomsone.*—Comperit Isbell Thomsone, alias Preinak, quho being accusit of the minister and elderis for charmeing of sindrie and

diuers young children within this burgh, amongis quhome scho charmeit Corridounes young barne, quho denyit the samyn, nochtheles Cristane Sutherland, Johnne Gordounes wyiff wowit in hir face that scho gaif command to hir nureishe to weshe hir barne with irne vre and smiddie schinders, and said that this Isbell Thomsone bad hir reproue Grissall Uruall and the barne wald be the bettir. Cristane Sutherland awouis that scho kinkit with ane key in hir hand thryis upoun the cruik in the kitchie, also Cristane Sutherland said the gudwyif of Cunzeachis boig cam to her hous to stay the vomit of hir barne, and sayis that scho spak wordis ouer the chyild. Comperit Isbell Young, spous to Alexander Grant, and declarit that this Thomsoun pat hony, vinager and butter altogidder as scho said to hir to haue put about hir young barne, bot scho refuisit, yet nochttheless the said Isbell Thomsone maid a certane commixtioun of oyle and vther thingis and left the same in a kan with hir nuireische quhilk the said Isbell neuir usit, and the said Isbell Young brought with her the said kan to the session. This Preinak confessis that Andro Gordounes wyiff send for her to mak a plaister to hir barne, and scho maid the same of swynis sawine, rossat, walx, blak peppir, hony, and cannell, and layd the same to the barne to stay hir barne uncassin and weshe the said barne with ane blak clout. This Preinak confessis that scho oyilit Nicoll Vatsounes hand and that it wes oyle peter that wes layid to his hand, and scho gat for hir paynes 6s. 8d. money, and this oile scho bocht at Sanct James day befoir. Magy Young seruitrix to Henrie Kemptis wyiff awouit in the said Preinaks face that scho maid a droggerie of black woll, quhilk scho krissit with kairdis and pat the samyn in a pane mixit thair with aquavytie, raw hony and seithet thame altogidder, and layd the same to umquhill Mr. William Clarkis breist a lytill befoir he deit, and Elspet Beig seruand woman affirmes the same, and this eftir being suorne awouit the same in hir face, whilk scho confest hir selff. Scho confessis that scho gaiff spurge and pouder cinnie (?) to William Youngis barne a lang tym bygane and bad weshe him with irne vre.

December 10th.—Isbell Smyth, the relict of umqll. James Thomsoun, denyit that scho culd charme.

All sic personis as bydis behind the secund bell fra the kirk to be estemit as absent, and sall pay penaltie thairfoir.

December 15th.—*Inhibitioun of pastyme in the Chanonrie kirkyaird.*—The Sessioun inhibitis all personis within this burgh to vse ony kynd of pastyme in the place callit the Chanonry kirk and zaird therof from Wedinsday nixt to the tenth day of Januarie nixt thaireftir, and all conventiounes within the samyn under pane of 40s. to be tane up of euery housholderis geir, and every servand 10s. money to be applyit *ad pias vsus*, besyd thair publict repentance, and also inhibitis all guysing and dancing within this toun at ony tyme heireftir under the paynes of fyve lib. to be upliftit of ilk houshalder within quhais hous the samyn is done, and alsmekill to be tane up of the contraueris committars thairof giff thai be responsall, utherwayis to be puneist in thair personis, and ilk ane of thame to mak ther public repentance thairfor within the paroche kirk of this burgh.

December 22nd. — *Scollaris.* — It is aggreit be the eldaris that the scollaris quha hes tane the Grammer Schole be not molestit or put at afoir Fridaye nixt, agane the quhilk day Thomas Hay sall luik owt the Act maid anent the taking of the skuill, and in the midtym that another hous be provydit to serue the remanent of the barnis and the maister of the grammer schole to attend and caus thame keipe guid ordour quhill remeid be put forther thairto.

December 29th. — Certane personis accusit for contravening of the actis maid anent the vsing of pastymes in the kirkyaird and kirk sumtym callit the Chanonrie Kirk.

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January 12th.—It is appointit that thair be a generall taxatioun made and certane moderatouris appointit for taxing of the haill toun anent the reparatioun of the kirk fluir and vther places thairof needfull to be helpit.

January 14th.—Isobell Innes confessit scho rang a chandlar vpoun the nicht callit Vp[halliday].

January 19th. — *Walter Haye.* — Comperit Walter Hay, goldsmith, accusit for playing at the boulis and golff upoun Sondaye in the tym of the sermon, and hes actit himselff fra this furthe vnder the paynes of fyve lib. nocht to commit the lyik outher afoir or eftirnone the tym of the preaching.

January 26th.—*Douglas, viccar.*—Williame Douglas viccar of Elgen being desyrit be the eldarschipe according to his dewtie as they allegit to warne in the parochioneris to thair examinatiounes agane the communioun or ells to gif xx s. yeirlie to the redar or sum vther honest man to do the same to the quhilk the eldarschipe promeis to giff and adjoyn xl s. alwayes George Douglas minister at Dolles hes giffen 13s. 4d. in name of the said Williame quhairwith the eldaris for the present ar content and ordanis the samyn 13s. 4d. with xl s. to be giffin to Robert Leslie and the said Wm. yeirlie to pay the samyn 13s. 4d. money.

Coquilanis.—The eldarschipe findis thameselues juges competent to judge vpoun all makars of cokalanes in all poynts of thair sclanderous writtingis and to puneis thame therfoir according to the power ecclesiasticall committit to thame be his majestie reseruand his majesties awin power to puneis thame criminallie, so far as concernis thame and thair power ecclesiasticall alwayes in all tymes cuming appoynts statutis and ordanis that eftir tryall quhomsoeuir thai find to mak the same to the disgrace and sclander of thair nichtbour sall pay ane hundreth punds money and sall mak thair publict repentance according to the discretioun of the eldarschip in sackclothe, and nocht being responsall sall do thair repentans nyne veekis and remane in vaird ay betueyne, and this for the makars of coquilanis.

January 28th.—The strangeris beggaris to be warnit to remoue furth of this burgh be sound of the bell and oppin proclamatioun and ressauaris of thame to hospitalitie to pay 13s. 4d. onforgiven.

February 2nd.—James Ogilvy to give answer anent the hospitall hous on Fridaye nixt.

February 4th.—*Inhibitioun to the puir.*—The officiaris hes callit the inhabitantis of the haill four quarteris of the toun to gif thair adwyis anent contributioun for relief of the puir and punisching of stranger beggaris.

February 10th.—*Bell sylver.*—Ressauit fra James Douglas ane fyve lib. piece for Brumehill and Pettindreich. Item v lib. for the auld mylnis fra Wm. Young. Item fra Thomas Hay xiij lib., etc.

February 16th.—Horner callit Alexander Fraser to remane in waird quhill he fynd cautioun that he sall nocht ressaue vagabundes idill nor stranger beggaris to ludging. Grissell Johnestoun for hir contempt to be put in the steipill and thair remane quhill scho fynd cautioun to fulfil the act maid anent movaris of trubels.

March 2nd. — *Murray.* — Alex^r. Murray, relapsit, to remane xxiiij houris vpoun bread and watter 3 Sondays repentance.

March 9th.—William Murray and John Warden sall big in this ouk ten futtis of the kirkzaird dyik betuix thame under the paynes of 40s. Johnne Ros promeist to big iiij futtis within aucht dayis.

March 16th. — Sic peopill alandward as hes not cum in to the examinatiounes as zit nor will nocht cum eftir lawfull intimation furth of the pulpit sall pay ilk zeman man 13s. 4d., ilk cotter iij s. 4d.

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March 25th.—The haill eldaris hes promeist a boll lyme ilk ane of thame to sparge the kirk withall.

March 28th. — In Pluscarden. That ilk daye in presens of ane hundreth personis within the said queir of Pluscarden eftir the examinationes theirin compeirit Andro Wricht in Nether Byiris and Elspet Peirsoun and with adwyis of thair parentis ratefeit and affirmit ane promeis of mariage to be performit how sune thair bannis beis proclamit vndir the paynes of xx lib.

March 30th. — Witnessis to be summondit to testifie in Johnne Layngis wyiffis sclander anent the dead mannis heid carreit furth out of the kirk.

April 1st.—*Kay: Duncan.*—Complaynt of James Kay aganis George Duncane for sclandering him to be spy to the erle of Kaitnes anent the taking of Thomas Steuart allegit servitour to Mackintoishe. The eldaris fyndis the said James to be honest and clean therof.

Grissall Johnnstoun accusit for denuding of hir selff of the sacclothe eftir scho ves indewit thairwith and presentit the place of repentance thairwith as it appeirit in contempt of the discipline. Scho ansuerit that David Torrie hir maister forbad hir to take the samyn clayth on hir gif it ves ane auld clayth. Scho mon present hirself cled thairwith the nixt Sondaye and another Sondaye for hir contempt.

April 8th.—The haill four quarteris of this toun sall cum in this ouk about the tym of evening prayeris to be catechised. Sonday nixt salbe the celebratioun of the Communioun in the body of the kirk vpoun tabillis set thairfor, and for the mair comelie order to be obseruit it is

appoyntit that nane cum to the sacrament bot sic as hes bein present at the heiring of the word immediatlie afoir and that nane cum to the heiring of the word bot sic as sall communicat and to that effect the kirk duiris sall be closit at the ending of the last bell and remane sa quhill the actioun be endit. Thair salbe ministratioun thairof in the morning and another preaching preceiding the ministratioun at nyn houris.

April 14th.—Thair sall a man await for the ressait of the taikinnis and another the cheriteis.

April 22nd.—Walter Auldcorne being desyrit to communicatt excusit himself that he mycht not be resoluit with his conscience be ressoun of the gryit injurie and wrang he sustenit of James Ogilvye. The said James being present ansuerit that the question betuix thame in ony mater outher of geir or land wes contentit to refer the decisioun thairof to ony honest man in the north of Scotland.

Barrie.—Issobell Barry hir head to be scheawin and stand in the joggis ii houris and gif scho be found relapsit in fornicatioun to be baneist furth of this toun.

Nicoll Hall confessit fornicatioun with Janet Beig quhome the eldaris ordanis to pay x s. and 3 Sondayis repentance and being found relapsit sall stand ii houris in the jouggis and his heid scheawin or else redeme him selff thairfra be paying of v lib. and 3 Sondayes repentance.

Gif Magy Tailyeour be fund heirefter a dancer on the calsaye or a singer scho sall be puneist.

April 27th.—The barroun Sanquhair sall gif his ansuer quhidder he vill m[arie] Katherein Cummyng or remane furth out of this toun and the ansuer to be giffen this day aucht dayes.

Smythis confessioun.—Agnes Smyth the dauchter of Alex. Smyth within this burgh being accusit of new upoun the doingis and proceidingis quhen scho wes nureishe to James Anderson anent the said Agnes confessioun done at the command of umqhill Janet Cumming, suspect witche, and gif scho quho brocht the said Cuming to the said James hous, the said Agnes deponit upoun hir conscience that Elspet Corsour wes the convoyar of the said Cuming to James Andersonis hous and the deponer said that the said Corsour said to hir that William Young his bairn wes helpit be the said Cummyng and that scho culd helpe James Andersonis barne and also sayis that the said Corsour brocht watter out of Scheinakis well to weshe James Andersonis bairn with or that

Cummyng cam to wisie the barne and forther the said Smythis confessioun whilk scho maid afoir the eldaris heiranent of the daitt 1594 zeiris already registrat in this buik being reid scho ratefeis it.

Comperit Elspet Corsour. — Compeirit Elspet Corsour being sworne confessit that scho said to Grissall Uruall, James Andersonis wyff, and to the said Agnes Smyth nureishe that Janet Cumming veshe William Youngis bairn and that scho thocht scho culd helpe hir bairne. The deponer affirmis that the said Grissall and hir nureishe causit hir gang for the said Cuming and at thair desyir scho zeid for hir to thame and that scho cam and deponis that the said Cummyng veishe the bairne and that said Grissall saw the barne weshin and also the deponer sayis that the said Grissall and hir nureishe bad the deponer bring watter out of Scheinakis well whilk is besyd Meftis and that scho zeid thair and haid with hir ane woman callit Phipe the gadie quho buir the watter in hir hand unspokin and the deponer zeid besyid hir and spak to thais quhome they mett and sayis that they veshe the chyild thairwith and maid meat thairwith to the chyild and the nureishe drank thairof and forther the said Corsour confessis and sayis that Cumyng bad the nurische convoy the first watter quhairwith the child wes weshin to a rynnand watter and mair sayid presentlie in the nureishe face that the said nurische said for remeid to the bairne gif hevin wer besyid hir and hell on the other syid scho wald laif hevin and loipp in hell and this preceiding confessioun maid be Corsour scho allowit all in the said nureishe face, bot the said nureishe denyit syndrie partis thairof.

May 4th.—The minister exhortis the eldaris ouklie tuyis till his hame cummyng to keip thair conuentiounis.

The eldaris ordanis 6s. 8d. to be upliftit of all sic persons as cam not, being warnit.

Jhone Nauchtie accusit of vitchcraft, hes actit himself to compeir befoir the minister and eldaris of Elgin vndir the pain of death and taking vpon him the crym quhairwith he is chargit.

May 6th. — *Barroun of Sanquhair.* — Comperit Patrik Dunbar of Sanquhar and producit ane testimoniall wrettin be Maister Alexander Haye, minister at Duppill, of the proclamatioun of the bannis of the said Patrik with Katherein Cummyng, lawful dauchter to Johnne Cummyng of Ernsyid, younger, nochtheles the said Katherein deponit upoun hir conscience that scho knew not nor consentit to the proclama-

tioun of thair bannis, and declarit that scho wald nevir consent to mary the said barroun of Sanquhair.

Adam Scott, accusit for playing on the Sabboth daye at the tym of the eftirnoons sermoun at the bouells, ordanit to paye for dissobeyand the officiaris 6s. 8d. and gif he beis fund relapsit heirin to pay 20s.

May 18th.—*Varden.*—Janet Warden accusit for being on Sonday the tym of preaching in the Channonrie kirk at hir prayeris, quha ansuerit that scho mon ga thair to pray for hir freindis departit. Continewit till the ministers hame cuming hir repentans.

Joksoun.—Joksoun sall remane in the steipill quhill he fynd cautioun to stand in the joggis and in sackclayth for giffin iniurious wordis to Alexander Boynd, ane of the magistratis.

May 25th. — *Nomina seniorum novorum.* — The names of the new eldaris and deacones to be proclamit from the pulpit that all personis that hes ony thing to say aganis them cum on Vedinsdaye.

Compeirit Elspet Reache, a woman borne in Innermarkie, in Glenmarkie, quho wes accusit for giving counsell to the seik to helpe thame be vitchcraft, quho denyit.

May 27th.—*Jhonestoun.*—Grisall Jhounestoun sall mak her publict repentans iij seuerall Sondayis, and being relapsit heireftir to stand in the jouggis and to be baneist furth of this toun.

William Pattoun and Thomas Duff, gardneris in the college, hes actit thame under the payne of 40s. that nather of thame sall sell ony unyeannes or kaill on the Sabboth daye, nayther pull thame furthe of thair landis that day, not yet sall gang to mak thair publict or privat prayer by the Chanonrie kirk vnder the said paynes and makand thair publict repentans.

Cuming.—Alexander Cumming in the colledg sall nocht pray in the Chanonry kirk under the paynes of payment of 40s. and his repentans.

Vinchister.—Alexander Winchester, skynner, gif he beis fund playand kyillis in ony tyme heireftir sall pay 10s. and mak his repentance.

Inhibitioun to loudge strangeris.—It is appointit and ordanit that all the induellaris of this burgh be forbiddin and inhibit to ludge and ressaue ony strangeris and specially fornicatouris and harlottis except for a nicht, unless thai advyse the bailie of that quarter under the paynes of x lib. for the first fault and for the second xx lib. besyd thair repentance.

Commissioun on vitches.—The said daye the minister producit the commissioun fra his Majestie purchast aganis vitches and counsalaris with thame.

Dunbar, Cuming contractit.—Patrik Dunbar, sometyme of Sanquhar, and Katherein Cummyng ratify a promise of mariage to be performit within twenty days. To mak thair publict repentance on Sonday nixt.

May 29th.—The eldaris that convenit on Fryday this day sa mony of them that ar convenit promeis to giff the allegit vitche wyiff meit and drink ther day about viz. [8 of them] and the minister sall gif her ij plak leif and watter during her remanying in the steipill.

May 30th.—*Particular divisioun of the eldaris.*—It is appointit that thair be a particular divisioun of ilk eldars quarter and that they pas thair quarteris on the Sabboth daye betuix the secund and last bell and that they may mair francklie execut thair callingis in that part the baillies present committis to thame power to execut therintill as thai have the occasion.

June 1st.—*Gairdneris.*—Compeirit Walter Lord Innes, James Rynd, William Stalker, Alex. Cumming, William Pattoun, Williame Tarras, Paul Dunbar, euerie ane of the saidis gairdineris ar becum actit conjunctlie that they sall not sell nor giff ony unyeounes or kaill or pull thame on the Sabboth daye nor yit transport thame that daye under the paynes of xl s. and making of thair repentans.

June 2nd.—Adam Scot, fleschar and Katherein Paull [for adultery] to mak thair publict repentans in sacclothe on Satterday, the man in the joiggis and the woman in the golffis or gokstuill thairin to remane tua houris and thair headis to be scheawin and to mak thair repentans in the kirk in sacclothe on Sondaye and immediatlie bayth to be baneist furth of this paroche.

June 3rd.—Cristen Fairer to mak hir publict repentans four seuerall Sondayis with hir hair castin doun aboutt hir eene, bairfut and bairleggit.

The new loft is appointit onlie for the baillies, elderis and consall to sit in and a officier to await vpoun the duir thairof.

June 15th.—Sic personis as ar warnitt to compeir to this day to heir and see thame selffs warnit to big sa mony fuittis of the kirkyaird [dyke] not compeirand sall be poindit of 6s. 8d.

July 1st.—*Inhibitioun of selling plantis the tym of sermoun.*—A generall inhibitioun of all persones within this burgh to sell fra this

furth upoun the Sabboth day ony kaill plantis or unyeounes or to pull or transport thame under the payne of paying of 20s. *ad pios vsus* besyd ther repentans and this to be intimat be sound of the bell through the toun and the geir to be eschattit.

July 6th.—Walter Innes, my lord, and Isbell Graye, servitrix, ratefeit ane promeis of mariage.

Thomas Hardie sall pay 6s. 8d. becaus he cam nocht in the tyme to gadder the almes to the puir on Sonday last.

The induellaris of the toun to be inhibit be sound of the hand bell to ressaue Alexander Fraser, excommunicatt, into thair houses under the paynes of 5 lib.

July 10th.—Alexander Robertson and —— Symond, the cutler, the ane to be put in the nether joggis and the uther in the over joggis for going furth out of the kirk to pas thair tyme at poirt boullis the tyme of preaching.

Hemelie Rob, Alex^r^. Robbis dauchter, for away taking of the officiaris halbertis is appointit to be put in the joiggis but is continewit at this vpoun hir guid behaviour and hir keiping the kirk on the Sabboth day.

July 13th.—It is appointit that the haill eldaris convein on Sonday nixt and as lang as they continue eldaris at the head of Carsmannis wynd at the first bell and searche thair quarteris vndir the paynes of 6s. 8d.

[Nine persons promise to build part of the kirkyard dykes.]

July 15th.—*Mr. of the grammer schole.*—George Annand maister of the grammer schole accusit for committing fornicatioun with Barbara Jarden confessit the samyn and therfoir the session hes appointed him to mak his publict repentans within the kirk of this burgh vpoun the commoun stuill thre seuerall Sondayis and pay xx s.

July 20th.—Alex^r^. Gadderar confessit that he haid bein dyuers tymes in Maister John Innes companye within this tolmound.

July 22nd.—The haill sessioun consentis to the forme of catecheizing at eftirnones as thair is in syndrie vthir reformit burghis vpoun Nicolsonis catecheis ilk houshald to ansuer vpoun a Sonday vpoun a fyvetein dayis warning.

The baroun of Sanquhair and his partie to be summoneit to mak thair publict repentans vndir the censour of the kirk.

July 27th.—Comperit Jhone Fairer in the Grein quha gaif in a bill of complaint upoun Androw Spank and befoir ony proces wes grantit him he was commandit to confes the maneir of the seiknes and disease of his guidis and of his awin seiknes and quhome he suspectit foir the same. The said Johnne being suorne thairupoun confessit that Jhone Layng in Cauldhame promeist to do him ane evill turne and efter the said Johne awouit the same that thair was ane reid kow of the said Johne Faireris that haid a sueit upoun hir back lyik to droppis of bluid that vsit to come furth sindrie tymes through hir skin and said also that the said Johne Fairer himself tuik gryt seiknes thairefter. The deponer said that this Layngis mother ves ill spokin of and bruitit of vitchcraft. Androw Spank alledgit that this Faireris wyiff cam furth in a beir seid morning and haid hir hair about hir ene and ther followit upon that ane ox of Thomas Hayis that wes drawand in the pleuche that this Spank was earand with tuik gryt seiknes and famit at the mouth and thairefter the said Andro Spank him selff fell seik and is not conualeschit thairoff as yit as the said Spank alledgis and sayis the boy that wes draiffer of the said oxin will testifie, quhilk the said Androw sall bring in with him the nixt day.

July 29th.—*Hepburne.*—Thomas Hepburne accusit for denying almes to the puir bred and for contempning of the discipline as it appeirit in the vords quherin he ansuerit stubbernlie to the officiar that varnit him sayand that he wes not awand ocht to the minister nor eldaris quhilk the said Thomas confessit and because he being friendlie desyrit to pay half merk to the puir refusit to do the same he is appointit to remane in waird quhill he pay the collector 26s. 8d.

August 3rd.—Follows the registration of the Commission grantit to the minister, eldaris, prowest, and bailleis of Elgin be his Maiestie for the exerceis of discipline: James, by the grace of God, King of Scots. . . . Forsamekill as the exerceis of discipline within the Kirk of God hes greatly decayit thir mony yeiris bygane throughout the haill partis of our realm and within the perroche of Elgin, quhair the civil magistrat to quhome the executioun of our Actis of Parliament properlie apperteins hes not been sa careful in putting of the same to dewe executioun as he aucht. . . We constitute the provest and baillies and the eldaris . . . our Justices within the haill bounds of said peroche kirk and perochin of Elgin gewand . . . to thame full power to put to dew executioun our

Acts of Parliament, constitutionis, laws, and ordinance quhatsumeuir made by us or our predecessors, especially Acts for prophanation of the Sabboth day, raising of tumultis within kirks and kirkyards, fornicatioun, blasphemy, and vther sclanderis whatsomever . . . with power to amerciate and to poynd . . . Oure will is theirfoir and we charge yow all and syndrie the perrochiners of the said perroche kirk of Elgen, alsweill without as within the territorie of the said burgh of quhat estait or degre soeuir ye be and all utheris quhome it effeiris that ye readilie ansuer, intend, obey to our saidis justices in that pairte and ilk ane of thame conjunctlie and severallie in all and sindrie things tending or quhilkis may tend to the dew execution of our saidis actis of Parliament . . . be thir our lettres gevin under our signett and subscryvit with our hand at hailie ruid hous the nynt day of December 1595. James Rex. Registered in the books of Privy Council 9th Dec., 1595.

Andro Hoissak in Over Manbeins and remanentis duellaris within that toun being suorne to gif up delation and in speciall the said Andro to declair upoun his conscience gif euir he haird his wyiff bruitit of witchcraft quha ansuerit that George Warrand his nichtbour in his flytting callit her witche, that passit in the likness of ane bee quhilk thing my wyiff and myself complainit upoun him to the Session. George Warrand there being suorne deponit that Andro Gordon and Archibald Annand in Elgen said that they hard ane callit Raye quha dwelt in Mostowie saye that this Andro Hoissakis wyiff callit Megot Layng appeirit upone a certane tym in the lyknes of ane be and zeid in with a zirning and incontinent as he tuk doun the zirning and pat it under ane tub scho returned in her awin schaipe agane. William Mitchell being suorne deponit that he hard that this —— Raye suld caus sic ane bruit as that. Jhonne Mill in Over Manbeins and David Hoissak thair being suorn deponit that Georg Warrand and wyiff in thair flyting callit this Megot Layng ane witch bot they hard of na particular thing.

August 5th.—Tua honest men to go through the toun vpoun the Sabbothe daye with the officiaris for visiting of the absents remanaris from the kirk as they had wount to do fra the last bell be rung to the sermone quhill the sermone be endit and that the saids visitors try all uther enormiteis and faultis as far as they can persaue.

August 7th.—Sonday at eftirnoone convenit the minister and the haill elderis efter the ending of the sermone, the samyn being a day of publict fast and weill keipit, praise God.

August 12th.—It is ordanit that the mekill oppin places quhilk ar the maner of windois aboue the corsell loft as also the OO in the steipill be branderit with tymmer and ordanis the same to be done in the nixt ouk and Alexander Pringill appoyntit to agree with ane wricht and with ane man to cast the paisis of the knox.

Kay.—George Kay, cordiner, accusit of prophaning the day of the Lord be playing upoun Sondaye last at the port boulls promeist neuir to commit the lyik in tymes cuming. The tua Alexander Millis also quho ver playaris that day to be accusit.

Act anent labouring on the Sabbothe daye. — Inhibit all the perochinaris to labour on Sonday vnder the pane of x lib. and the cottaris to have Sattirdayis eftirnoone quhen thair cornis ar ryipe and in danger.

August 17th.—*Malleis: Dik.*—Robert Malleis in Glakmarras complenit upoun Andro Dik that the said Andro had sclanderit him with witchcraft quhilk being referrit to the said Androwis aith confessit that he prayit mallesonis to the said Robert for ressauing of his kow tane for the custome mart, for speking of the quhilk the eldaris juges him in the wrang and thairfoir the said Androw askis the said Robert mercie and hes promeist neuir to do the lyik under the paynes of publict repentance.

August 19th.—*Taxatioun to the new loft of xvi s.*—Thair is layid be the eldaris taxtlayers appointit that thair be a taxation of ane hundreth punds tane up out of the haill paroche baith to burgh and landward (except out of Pluscarden) and ilk pleuche layid to saxtein schillingis. The burgh of Elgin layid to the ane half thairof and the landward to the uther half of the samyn.

August 24th.—The names of the taxatioun layaris for the towne anent the bigging of the loft to the landward in the west end of the kirk of Elgin the sowme quhairof is fyiftie punds viz. William Innes, elder, Jhonne Gordoun [and five others].

August 26th.—It is speciallie appointit and concludit be the elderschipe that na persoune of quhat estait or degre soeuir they be within this paroche seik to have ony conferens with thais that ar suspect of witchcraft and speciallie with thais that ar apprehendit thairfoir under the payne of making of thair publict repentans in sackclayth and to that effect that nane pretend ignorance thairof the samyn is ordanit to

be publeishit be the sound of the hand bell through this toun inhibiting all persounes in maner forsaid, under the saidis paynes.

All persounes refusaris almous to the puiris bred to be summondit agane Wedinsday nixt viz. Thomas Ga [and five others].

The act maid anent Mr. John Innes excommunicat of new agane to be publeishit be sound of the hand bell through the toun that na man within the paroche have ony doing or conference with him and that na inhabitant of this burgh ressaue him in thair houssis in ony tym cuming under the paynes of ten poundis and thair repentance publictlie.

August 28th. — Margat Vinchester and Margaret Lochhilles, inhabitantis of the colledge, ar accusit for not repairing to the Sondayes sermonis quhilkis ar preachit within this kirk quho ar appointit to be restit quhill they find cautioun to haunt the samyn as occasioun offerris.

Elspet Mill complenit to the sessioneris vpoun Stephin Jhonestoun quhome scho allegis molestit hir in the place quhair scho satt the tym of the sermone this day and gaif hir injurious vordis quhilk the elderschipe hes tryit and fand the same to be trew. Lyikas also the said Stephin gaue the said Elspet the lie in thair presens and spak misnortour language and thairfoir the saidis elderis adjugis him in the wrang and to haue offendit baith to them and to the compleiner, for the whilk he is appointit on Sonday nixt to confess his offens and craue pardon thairfoir, lykas the said Stephin hes promeist to do.

September 2nd.—It is surmeisit be sum of the eldaris that Alex. Boyndis wyiff haid spokin that scho wald ding James Andersounis vyf, quhairvpoun the eldaris desyrit the said Alexander to caus his wyiff compeir afoir thame on Sonday nixt efter the sermone and ansuer thairfoir quhilk thing the said Alexander promeist to do and that in respect it is allegit scho spak by her deutie aganis the minister.

A promeis of the Gardneris. — Comperit Paull Dunbar, Williame Stalker, Williame Tarres, and Thome Duff accusit upoun the sayingis whair they said that this kirk is nocht thair perroche kirk denyit all and promeist to haunt the sermonis quhilkis ar to be preachit in this kirk gif iust occasion stayit them nocht. Margaret Lochhillis promeist to keipe the sermonis under the pain of v s.

September 4th.—Patrick Rattray becam cautioun that James Rob sall learne the xii articles of the faith betuixt this and Mertimes nixt under the paynes of 40s. William Froster, in Glakmarres, in lyk maner

is becum cautioun for Johne Herrald that he sall lerne his beleiff betuix this and the said day.

September 7th.—It is appointit that Alexander Lyndsaye, William Mihi induellaries of Mekill Innerlochtie be poyndit of half ane merk for ther disobediens and working on the Sabboth day.

October 5th.—Convenit the minister, baillies and haill elderis and accusit mony of the inhabitantis of this burgh (quho comperit) for not keiping of the Sabboth day in heiring of the sermonis and speciallie for being absent on Sondaye last outher afoir or eftirnoone and sic personis as culd not purge them selffis be thair aithis ar committit to waird in the stepill thairin to remane ay and quhill they paye half a merk of thair geir and gif they contempne and becum incidents to be duplicat *toties quoties*, and sic personis as payis nocht half a merk sall stand in the steipill quhill Frydaye nixt upoun bread and watter.

October 7th.—*Generale Act.*—Sic persounes as ar contempnaris of the word and cumis nocht the sermones afoir and eftir none on the Sabboth dayis salbe callit afoir the sessioun and without ane lauchfull excuis admittit be the sessioun sall stand xlviii houris in the steipill or ellis to redeme them selues be half ane merk.

A day off fast and abstinence to be upoun Sonday nixt and the samyn the morne to be proclamit be sound of the hand bell throche the toun.

October 9th.—*Flemyng.*—Convenit the minister and all the haill elderis within the queir and callit befoir thame Agnes Fleming, spous to Jhone Angous, and accusit hir speiking within the kirk the tyme of the psalme and vsing conferens, quhilk being provin and confessit scho is adjudgit to be arreistit in the queir quhill scho pay vi s. viii d. of penaltie to the puir and also upoun Sondaye nixt thairefter to mak her publict repentans, and also forther the minister and elderis ordanis the strenth and force of this act to strik vpoun all personis committeris of the lyik offence in all tymes cumming.

October 12th.—It is appointit that four eldaris and tua baillies with the four officiaris pas throche the haill toun ilk Sondaye and searche thair quarters and for this caus the officiaris to have the name of the eldaris in wreitt quhairby they may be chargit ilk Sattirdaye at ewin orderlie *vicissim.*

The deacounes ar augmentit with Thomas Richartsone quha haiffing the cair of the puir of this burgh, quhais names ar contenit in ane roll, assistit with a baillie and tua eldaris sall sit doun and convein ilk Wedinsday eftir sermone in the kirk and call the said puir afoir thame and try thame quhow they have keipit the sermones, morning and evening prayeris and behaued themselues utherwayis throch the toun sen that daye aucht [dayes] and in this meyntyme to chois out ane man to be thair officiar.

Intimatioun furth of the pulpit to be maid on Sondaye nixt to reserve the loft for the baillies, consale, and elderis and easment of strangeris.

John Corsour, "Glangoun," and others for perturbing the kirk last Sonday the same being also a day of fast, to remane in waird quhill they find caution to compeir on Sonday nixt.

October 14th.—*Skynner.*—William Skynner to remane in the steipill and then to be put in the joggis quhill Sondaye nixt and thaireftir to mak his publict repentans in sackcloth for his drunkinness and injuring Robert Innes ane elder, and trubling of Agnes Hardie a widow under silence of the nicht and contempning the actis of the sessioun and dissobeying the tounis officiaris and gif he euir heireftir committ the lyik offence to be put in the joiggis.

It is tryit that John Layngis sone and John Makeanis sons kest stans at James Grantis quhyit the tym of the sermoun.

November 4th.—Katecheising to begin on Monunday at ewin nixt the tyme of prayeris.

November 11th.—James Young, James Patrik, and Williame Innes declairit that they had wisited thair quarteris and haid warnit dyvers for want of the catecheis buik to compeir this day and giff a reasoun thairfoir.

It is appoyntit that thair be a new electioun of elderis and to that effect all the elderis to be summondit and warnit to be present at the catecheising.

The letters aganis Forres for manteining mercat on the Sabboth dayis to be socht and presented and also the commoun letters for repairing the queir.

November 24th.—[Present the minister, 14 elders and 2 upland elders.]

For buith durris opining. — It is appointit that thair salbe sex schillingis aucht pennies money exactit of all theis that oppinis thair buyth durris on Wedinsdayes the tym of the sermone, as it were for doing of the lyik on Sondayis, and the same penaltie to be tane up fra all maisteris of houssis that beis found absent fra the Wedinsdayes sermonis (except thair be a lauchfull excuis).

Item sic personis as beis not found in the kirk at the third chept of the third bell sall be comptit as absents and poyndit as absents that is for vi s. and viii d. of thair redeast geir.

Item thair is a penaltie appoyntit to be giffin to Anthone Froster of the nixt that happenis to fall furth and he sall ding furth the doiggis out of the kirk thairfoir.

Robert Durie is creat kirk officier and thairupoun hes giffin his ayth *de fideli administratione officii* sa lang as he remanis in that office and quhill he be dischargit thairfra.

The haill eldaris hes electit nominat and chosin Alexander Annand, baillie, to be thair moderator of this assemblie quhill the ministeris hame cuming quho hes obtenit licence to pas south in sic affairis as he maid knawin to the eldaris. And forther the haill eldaris haue actit thameselues to keipe thair awin and houris of the sessioune ilk Wedinsdaye Frydaye and Sondaye till the ministeris returne under the paynis of paying of halff merk *ad pios vsus* and in caice the moderator be absent at sic tymes without a lawfull excuse he sall duplicat the penaltie and pay the same *ad pios vsus* onforgiven.

Act in fauoris of Robert Leslie.—The minister and eldaris hawing consideratioun and respect to the ident and continuall trauellis maid and done be Robert Leslie thair sessioun clark in convening with thame twyse ilk ouk and wretting of thair actis of discipline upoun small chargis be the undiscretioun of dyvers that hes ado in the sessioune, thairfoir hes appointit statut and ordenit and be the tennour of this act appointis statutis and ordanis the said Robert to haue for the wreitting the act of ratificatioun of euerie gentilmanis mariage in this sessioune ten shillingis money, for the zeman soirt half merk and cottaris that may and ar responsall v s. and for registring of euerie bairnis name to be bapteist sall have tua schillingis money.

December 2nd. — *Catecheising.* — It is appointit that the haill inhabitantis of this burgh be warnit be sound of the hand bell to buy

catecheis sa lang as the merchantis ar in the toun and sic houshalders as wantis the said catecheis (quhilk is nychtlie catecheised in the kirk) at the nixt visitatioun of the quarteris sall pay xl s. of thair redeast geir. And so the assemblie ves dismissed with a thankisgiffing to God.

December 4th.—*Dauidsone.*—William Dauidsone, baxter, and his wyfe wer found in thair housis the tyme of the foirnonis sermone and steikit thair durris vpoun the officieris thairfor the said William committit to remane in waird in the steipill all this nicht and pay half merk to Robert Durie, officier, or he cum furth and mak his publict repentans on Sonday nixt and gif he beis found in lyk fault his penaltie and repentans to be doublit.

It is also appointit that Robert Leslie gif the names of sic personis as beis absent fra evening catecheising to the baillies of that quarter and the baillie to sie thame poyndit of ij s. for ilk persoun absent thairfra.

December 7th.—It is recommendit to the baillies to visie thair quarteris and report agane Frydaye quha hes the catecheis in thair quarteris.

December 9th.—The deacounes to be poyndit for thair absens and nocht visiting the puir.

December 25th.—The ane half of the eldaris convenit hes promeist instantlie to gang visie the enormiteis gif ony be in the place callit the Chanonrie kirk and yaird thairof, the uther half and part of them with Baillie Allexander Annand to await on the cross that na misordour or baudrie be committed thair lyikas all the haill eldaris hes promeist to await that na offence be committit concerning the obseruatioun of superstitious dayis and vaniteis thairof and that specialie in respect ane proclamatioun thairof wes maid be sound of the hand bell yisterdaye inhibiting all personis to haunt that or ony superstitious place within this perroche vnder the pain contenit in the actis maid thairanent of befoir and burnyng thame on the cheik.

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January 4th.—Margaret Cumming is ordered by the session to keep a honest and chaste behauiour in all her doings for avoiding of sclander.

Alexander Annand, last moderator in absence of the minister, is found to have offendit in neglecting to call before him sic of the elderis

as kepit nocht the meitings and convicting them in the penaltie if guilty in respect quhairof the sessioun ordeins him to confess his offence in thair presens and pay 6s. 8d. to Robert Durie, officier, as ane penaltie. The elderis absent sen the ministeris south passing to be summonit.

January 6th. — Catecheising vpoun the Sacrament of the Lords Supper to begin on Monunday at evin nixt and to continew quhill the Communioun be ministrat; also it is appointit that the maisteris of houssis examyn thair servandis upoun the sermonis preachit.

Anent Lauching.—The sessioun hes appointit that quhatsumeuir persoun undir thair disciplein that giffis thame selues to schamefull and insolent lauching within the kirk the tyme of the preiching, prayers, and devyne service they salbe citit befoir the sessioun and thai being tryit and found guiltie of that fault sall pay ten s. money gif thai be responsall and ane dayis repentans utherwayis nocht responsall salbe puneist be the discretioun of the sessioneris.

Walter Hay and Alexander Innes confessing thair removing furth of the kirk this day afoir the ending of the sermoun sall pay 6s. 8d. ilkane of thame conforme to the act maid thairanent.

The debaittabill actioun betuix Alexander Annand and Walter Auldcorn referrit to the morn at the morning prayeris.

Sic personis as abyidis awaye fra the catecheising sall pay iis. of thair geir and be debarrit also fra the Communioun.

January 29th.—The south-west fourt part fra the Provest to the Sheriffis hous to be warnit to the morning prayeris.

February 3rd.—Sonday nixt cumis a day of fast and abstinence, and Sonday thaireftir the first day of the Communioun. The sowth syid sall communicat first and sic of the landward as hes ressauit thair taikyins.

February 5th. — Vpoun Sonday behind the efternonis sermon convenit haill elderis with the minister.

Sic personis as past furth of the kirk the tym of the sermoun to be warnit.

February 8th.—The south east quarter that ar alredie cathecheisit to be summondit agane eftir none to ressaue thair taikyins. Sattirday nixt the tables to be set and the elderis appoyntit to wisie thair quarteris of the toun.

February 10th.—For observatioun of a comelie ordour in the congregatioun the tyme of the Communioun thair is appointit that all

the elderis of the north syd of the toun avait on the Communioun and serving thairof and for dischairging of thair dewteis sall appoynt Alexander Pringill and William Gibsoun to awaitt on the kirk dur and William Innes younger and Alexander Innes to avait on the queir dur to ressaue almes and taikyins and the elderis of the south syid sall avait on the serving of the time thairof the nixt Sonday.

February 17th.—*Purse for suearing.*—It is statut and appointit fra this furth be consent of all the elderis that euerie elder of this burgh have ane purse with ane brazyn mowthe that may collect certane penalteis quhair and quhensoeuir thai atteache personis that ban or blaspheme the name of God and everie Sondaye as occasioun sall offer to mak ane compt thairof to the puir folks collectour or sessioun and as the saids elderis salhappin to be remouit fra thair office the intrant sall buy the samen purse at the same pryce it cost and so furth continuallie.

The elderis of the south syid to visie thair quarteris to sie quha ar not zit communicat.

February 23rd. — Walter Haye, goldsmyth, and James Haye, his brother, to be summondit to say if they gaif ony teakyins to the landward peopill for this day.

February 24th.—*Puir folk.*—All the puir folk ar forbiddin to haunt the kirk and kirkyaird on the Sondaye for seiking of thair almes under the paynis of deleitting their names of the roll.

March 2nd.—The sessioun desyres the minister to seik the generall kirkis adwyise tuiching the kirkis satisfactione anent Alexander Gadderar for manslaughter in slaying Alexander Symond alias Robertsone smyth.

Alexander Pringill chosen moderator till the ministeris returning from the south. [Elders not attending to pay 40d. unless with lawful excuse.]

March 8th.—William Mill, elder, is ordanit to pay xl d. for his absens on Frydaye, also John Bonyman and James Andersoun for not viseing thair quarter.

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March 29th.—*Fixit stuilis.*—All the elderis hes concludit in ane voce that all the fixit stuillis for the women be rasit and put furth out of the kirk betuix this and the day fyvetein dayis.

April 5th.—Johnne Gordoun gudman of Corridoun is appointit kirk maister to be assistit with John Bonyman and James Patrik and the bailleis to delyver to him the taxatioun silver for the loft bigging and ane ticket to be maid vpoun samekill as he ressauis fra thame.

April 7th.—Johnne Gordoun and Johnne Bonyman to speik William Duff anent the hame bringing of daillis.

April 8th (Saterday).—Convenit the elderis in the queir at the evening prayeris.

April 12th.—*Allane.*—William Allan, cutler, accusit as ane persoun unworthie his residence amongis the inhabitantis of this burgh, quhilk is notourlie knawin to syndrie of this seat. He is content voluntarlie to remove himself furth of this burgh and to remane ane exyle furth of the samyn in all tymes.

April 14th. — Williame Douglas vicar of Elgin gaif in a bill of complent aganis Katherein Duff spous to Thomas Gaw cordiner. The said Williame producit certane vitnesses quha all deponit that the said Katherein maist furiouslie miscallit the said Williame and sclanderit him and said that he wes ane auld doitit dyvour.

April 19th.—Katherein Duff compeirit and allegit that she spak the wordis bot in ane hamelie maner and thocht that he wald not have bein offendit therwith. The sessioun ordanis the act aganis sclanderaris to be put in executioun in the persoun of the said Katherein.

Villiame Smyth confessit fornicatioun with vmquhill Katherein Jemacke for the quhilk and breking of waird and going to the Knok of Alues vpoun Sonday last being pasch day he is appointit to mak his publict repentance thrie seuerall Sondayis and to stand xxiiii hours in the stepill vpon breid and watter.

Archibald Annands gud dauchter and the cutleris dauchter to be summondit for going vpone pasche day to the Knok of Alues.

April 23rd.—The boy callit Haye yit unbapteizit in Thomas Hayis hous the scrybe. The said boy is appoynted to lerne the articulis of his beleiff betwix this and Fryday nixt and sall lerne the Lords prayer betuix this and this day aucht dayis, utherwayis to be remouit furth of this burgh.

April 30th.—William Leslie merchant in Elgin and Isobell Hardie laufull dauchter to William Hardie burges ther mareit.

UNTHANK MANSE.

DUFFUS MANSE.

May 7th.—William Gibsone moderatour desyrit the merchantis and the haill honest men of this burgh to be present the morne to gif thair adwyse anent the fortefeing of the richt thay have to all the uphaland mercattis round about thame.

May 12th. — Alexander Pringill baillie moderatour ordeins the officiaris to pas through the toun and charge the honest men of this burgh to convein at xi houris and search the toun anent the misliklie found in the Blak Freir zaird of the grave neuley maid as it wer for a dead chyld.

May 21st. — John Young alias Lytill John for heich speiking iniuriouslie to his nichtbours the tyme of the preaching and being reprovit be Maister Alexander Hay, minister, ansuerit proudlie again is ordenit to mak his publict repentans on Sonday and becaus it is thocht a greivous fault and seindill the lyik euir wes committed in this congregatioun he is appointed to cum doun fra the stuill of repentans and compeir befoir the pulpit and confess his offence. It is statut that if any do the like again to be wardit 24 hours in the stepill, pay a penalty and if relapsed sall be put in the stoickis.

May 28th.—Johne Bonyman, searcher, ansuerit that thair wes folkis drinkand in Thomas James at the last bell also that Elspet Richertsoun, George Cullanis wife, wes fra the kirk the tyme of the sermoun and so ves Isbell Foulertoun. Also the searcharis declarit that they convenit with Thomas Hayis the merchandis servandis, passand throche the toune with schoulis on thair schulderis to spred muk the tyme of the preiching eftir none. [Being summoned the servants—two women and a man—compeared, and pleaded a special necessity as their master had hired landward ploughs to ear the field. Thomas was a deacon of the church but he and his servants had to confess on the stuill.] It is delatit that thair hauntis sum insolent young folkis in Donald Irvingis zaird to play in the morning.

June 4th.—The minister past fordward with the last admonitioun aganis Alex^r. Gadderar. Present at the sermoun that day the Laird Duffous, the Laird of Pettindreiche, John Sinclair brother to the Erle of Kaitnes, gudman of Aikinway, John Ogilvy of Mylntoun of Keith.

June 28th.—Alex^r. Gadderar salbring the first termes payment with him on Fryday and a letter of slaynes to be maid be the vyfe and the bairnis to him. Lykeas the said Alex^r. sall set cautioun for payment of

the rest of the sowm vtherwayis the minister sall proceid to excommunicatioun aganis him on Sonday nixt.

June 30th. — *Gadderaris delyuerans of money.* — Alex^r. Gadderar deponit xiii lib. vi s. viii d. quhilk wes delyverit instantlie to the vidow.

July 5th.—The sessioun commands Robert Leslie to bapteis Jhonne Innes, elder, Mctairie his infant, notwithstanding of the excommunication past aganis him for airt and pairt of the slaughter of wmqll. William Hay and Agnes Leslie. All bairns of excommunicat personis to be admittit to the said sacrament except personis excommunicat for religion.

July 21st.—Andro Stalker, goldsmyth accusit of fornicatioun denyit.

The said day within the persone of Unthanks chalmer in presens of Sir Williame Douglas, Thomas Hay the scrybe, James Law and John Bonyman elderis compeirit Williame Robertsone sone and apperand air to Thomas Robertsone burges of Elgin and Jannet Brodie lauchfull sister to Dauid Brodie of that ilk and ratefeit a promeis of mariage.

July 26th. — James Jardein complenit that Janat Nauchtie haid perischit ane man chyld in Lossie throch hir ouersicht quhome thairfoir he desyrit to be puneist conforme to the ordour vsit aganis sick personis, the quhilk desyr the eldaris admittit and promeist with adwyse to puneis.

August 18th.—James Rynd is appointit to pay xx lib. for drawing of ane durk in the kirk to his wyfe awouing to cut his wyfes fleshe fra hir baynis.

August 23rd.—It is appoyntit fra this furth that tua eldaris sit on the formest seatt of the new loft to tak ordour with the sittaris thairon.

August 25th.—The fast to be intimat on Saterdaye the morne be sound of the hand bell the tym of the mercatt to be keipit on the nixt tua Sondayes following.

August 27th (Sunday).—It is appointit that the personis that wer notit vagand on the calsay the tym of the sermoun this day be poyndit instantlie.

The haill puir to be conuenit to see quhow mony of them ar natiue folkis of this paroche and quhat stat they stand into that they micht be markit with the townis mark conforme to the ordour prescryuit of auld.

September 3rd.—Ane inquisitioun to be maid of sic personis as gois to the vode the tym of the sermoun on Sondaye afoir or eftir none and thaireftir to be puneist.

September 10th.—All thais that prophaned the Sabboth day be shearing of thair cornis to be summoned.

September 24th.—Delyuerit xxiiij s. to tua schipbroken Englishmen.

November 17th.—*Contract betuix the sessioun and officiaris.*—It is appointed and convenit betuix the minister and elderis on the ane part and the officiaris viz. Alexander Mill, Robert Keyth, Robert Durie and William Steill on the uther part in manner following, that is to say, the saidis officiaris sall tak sick paynis vpoun thame quhairby they promeis to bring the peopill of this burgh and the college to sick obediens as they sall compeir to the heiring of the worde and compeiring to sessiones quhan they ar warnit thairto for the quhilkis the saidis minister and elderis promittis faithfullie to pay and deliuer to ilk ane of them yeirlie sa lang as they continew in office (and natheles) xl s. money and in cace the saidis officiaris be negligent and failyie at ony tym in doing of thair dewties eftir tryall they sall pay 6s. 8d. *toties quoties* and mak thair publict repentans besyde the penaltie.

Sondaye cum aucht dayes a day of fast and admitting and receiving of elderis baith to burgh and land.

November 22nd.—Alexander Steuart was accusit for halding folkis in his clois the tyme of the hindmost bell and sermoun and thairfoir is appointit to forbeir the doing thairof and also inhibit to haiff his yet closit that tyme.

November 24th.—*Landward elderis.*—For Cauldhame and Bairflethillis Gilbert Geddes, for Petgony James Alschioner and James Morreis, for Kirkhill Robert Innes, for Caulcoattis Dinkintie Frosterseat and Scottistounhill Anthane Chalmer, for Barmukatty Ovir Nether Lynkvoids Boiggis and Voidsyde James Cumming Thomas Cowye and William Layng, for Blakhillis Thornehill and Fauldis with Greinheid William Innes of Blakhillis and John Man to assist him, for Glakmarres Alexander Man and Robert Malleis, for Quhitwrayes Alexander Innes, for Myltoun and Langmorn Boigsyde Hauche Nether Manbeins James Chalmer Alexander Russell John Gadderar John Mylne, for Dovilligrein Dauid Torrie, for Quheitfeild Gilbert Schiphird, for Mostowie Jhone Gordoun, for Litill Innerlochtie Thomas Gordoun, for Mekill Innerlochtie Hew Falconer and Thomas Hepburn, for Mayne Pettindreiche and Aikinheid the lairds of Pettindreiche and Mayne, for Eister Kelless George Rob.

Elderis for the burgh.—Southeist: Mr. James Gairdin bailzie, Williame Innes, James Young, Thomas Downye. Southvest: Williame Young bailzie, Jhone Gordoun, James Douglas, Thomas Haye. Northeist: William Gibsoun baillie, Alexander Boynd, James Leslie, Alexander Innes. Northvest: Alexander Annand baillie, Williame Torrie, Alexander Pringill, Jhone Robertsone.

Deacones.—Thomas Haye merchand, Dauid Vatt, John Angous, Alexander Grant, George Vauis.

College elderis.—Johne Leslie, Johne Cokburn, James Law.

November 29th.—Williame Dunbar maissoun in tymes cuming inhibit to gif ony lathlifull speiches to the officiaris or ony memberis of the sessioun undir the paynis of fourtie schillings money to be applyed *ad pios vsus* and this act to extend wnto all vtheris that iniures the officiaris and memberis of the sessioun.

December 10th.—*Landward eldaris offices.*—It is appointed that the landward elderis try ilk oulk the partis committed to thair charge and thair dilligence to repoirt at the leist ilk fyvetein dayis and the forme of thair tryall to be thus to inquyre specialie of thair parochioneris sic as they knaw to be dishauntaris of the kirk, quhair they wer the last Sonday, quhat wes thair exerceis, quhidder gif they wer occupeit in heiring of the worde, quhair they wer or quhat ves thair occupation and sic personis as they find prophanelie occupeit and hes no sufficient reasoun for thair absens that they poynd and summond them to compeir befoir the session thair to be censouritt and siclyk to tak accomptis of the seruandis quhat proffeit they mak of the worde, that they be chargit to repair ilk uther Sonday to the preaching and quhair thair is tua or thrie seruandis in a familie that they cum thair Sonday about to the heiring of the word and forther that the landward elderis intimie to the folks of ilk ane of thair boundis this order and that the seruandis that bydis away sall pay xii d. for the first fault the cotter man and woman ilk ane of thame xl d. and ilk zeman, man and woman, ather of thame vi s. viii d.

December 14th.—The elderis and minister ratifeis the actis maid anent the inhibition of pastyme on the Sabboth day and haunting or using ony pastyme in the Chanonrie kirk and yaird thairoff, especiallie fra the day and dait of thir presentis to the aucht day of Februar nixt (except the passing tyme at the futball) under the paynis of v lib. and

publict repentans and specialie all conuentioun of womenkynd is forbiddin and inhibit under the saidis paynis and publict repentans.

December 15th.—Andro Stalker goldsmyth and Margaret Kynloche lauchfull dauchter of Williame Kynloche chirurgien haiff ratefeit ane promeis of mariage and the said Andro hes sett James Douglas of Schuittinaikeris cautioner for him.

Catecheising.—Catecheising appoyntit nychtlie fra Monundaye and Monunday at evin to be the first nycht of thair beginning, and ilk elderis part to cum in nychtlie wnder the paynis of tua schillings and gif thai disobey to be poyndit thairfoir. The elder of ilk parishe sall sie thair partis warnit and putt furth and themselues to cum vith thair perrochionaris at four houres ilk nycht as thai salbe varnit.

Nycht walking and guysing forbiddin ; drawing of stuillis and raippis the tyme of frost and ise forbiddin.

December 22nd. — *Anent the queir.* — Williame Gibsoun Jhonne Gordoun Thomas Hay and Alexander Pringill ar electit be the minister and elderis present taxmen for laying of the taxatioun for the reparatioun of the queir of the perroche kirk of Elgin becum ruynous for laick of helpe quhilk the wmquhyle Bishoppis of Murray wer in vse to beit and repair, and hes layed and stentit the sowme of aucht hundreth merks for repairing thairof in theck ruiff vallis vindois glais windois and pleneishing the samyne as affeiris to be vpliftit of the fruictis of the bischoprick of Murray and lordschipe of Spynie of the fewmaillis teynd victuallis fruictis proventis and emolumentis of this instant crope and zeir of God 1598 zeiris of the quhilkis fruictis the said queir wes wount to be wphaldin beitit and repairit as the necessitie thairof requyred.

December 30th. — John Sampsoun and James Cruik accusit for dansing and guising ondir nycht in divers houses culd not deny bot they dansit albeit not dammaskit nor disguysit. Appointit to stand on Sonday nixt in thair awin seattis and confess thair offences. George Kay accusit for dansing and guysing ondir nicht on Monunday last confessit he haid his sisters coat upon him and the rest that were with him haid claythis dammaskit about thame and thair faces blaikit, and they haid a lad playand upon banis and bells with thame. Archie Hay had a faise about his loynes and ane kerche about his face. [Ordained to make repentance two Sundays] bairfut and bair-leggit.

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January 5th. — Sic personis within this congregation as hes haid voluntar conferrens with the excommunicat rebells that thai be inhibit eftir tryall to compeir to the table of the Lord till they satisfie the kirk.

January 19th.—The bell appointit to go through the toune to warne all sic personis as hes not ressauit thair taikynes to cum on the morne to get thame.

January 20th.—*Communion.*—For administratioun and serving of the table [four elders], for onvaitting on the offerand and taikins appointit at the kirk dur [two elders], for onvaitting at the queir dur [four elders], for avaiting on the calsaye and keiping ane comelie ordour outwith the kirk [three elders].

January 24th.—It is appointit be the elderschipe that thair be paynis and travellis tane be thame to reconcile sic personis as ar at variance in thair bowellis for removing of all elestis amongis thame.

January 31st.—Richard Wairden hes promesit to communicat at the nixt Communion under the payn of tuantie lib. to be payit *ad pios vsus.*

March 2nd.—Licence grantit to Johne Annand of Murrestoun, quho is depairtit this lyf this day in the morning, to be bureit in the queir of this kirk dispensing with the actis maid aganis buriall in the kirk or queir be ressoun that he haid borne publict office and bein prowest of this burgh and haid bestowit gryt labouris and travellis in the publict effairis and commounveill thairoff quhilk place Alex^r. Annand of Murrestoun his sone hes promeised to caus pauementt.

March 7th.—*Clipping headis.*—It is appointit that Grissall Jhounstoun and Bessie Corben be causit stand besyde the joiggis quhill thair headis be clippitt, and Gilbert Gadderar salbe the doar thairoff, and he sall haiff halff merk for his labouris ilk tyme that he executis the lyke wark on tua personis, viz., xl d. the peice for his paynis.

March 11th.—Ordenitt sic personis as had thair durris and yettis stekitt to be wairnitt agane Frydaye.

All personis within this burgh betuix quhome ony elestis remains to be warnitt for thair reconciliatioun befoir the ministratioun of the next dayis Communioun.

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March 25th.—Edward Auldcorne, alias Dutchman, accusit for his two sons playing at the cheaw in tyme of sermon.

March 30th.—*Anent the selling of fische.*—Na fishes to be sauld na day in the mornyng quhill the prayeris be said, nor yit na bouk of fishes to be brokin under the paynis of confiscation of thame, sellaris and buyaris fishe, besyde ane halff merk to be paid be buyaris.

Becking.—Haunteris of the Channonrie kirk to be tryit and puneished and siclyke the peopill that vses the superstitious becking in Sanct Gelis kirk ilk day in the mornyng eftir thair awin prayeris are to be censured thairfoir.

It is appointit that the hand bell pass through the toun be quhais sound the fishe mercat befoir the prayeris salbe forbiddin under the paynis maid thairanent.

April 27th.—*Ordinance.*—It is appoyntit fra this furth that na persone or personis (except fishar sellaris and cadgearis) remain in the fishe mercatt the tyme of prayeris, not yitt that na man or woman be vagand on the streittis, idlie sittand under stairis, or at pastyme on the calsaye under the paynis of 6s. 8d., and that nane pretend ignorance heiroff the samyn ordinance to be intimat be sound of the hand bell through this toun incontinent efteir our furth passing out of the session.

April 30th.—*Stewart.*—Johne Stewart, walkster, accusit for playing at the bowallis on the calsaye the tyme of the evenyng prayeris for the quhilk being reprovitt gentlie be William Innes, ane elder, the said Jhone gaiff him evill vordis, in respect quhairof the said John is ordanit to mak his publict repentance gif euir he beis apprehendit in the lyke offence.

Knok.—The bailleis hes promeist to have lead and oyle in redines the morne to be delyveritt to Alexander Gordoun, the lorimar, wherwith he may reull the knok and putt hir to the gange.

[In a case before the Session it was reported that "the monk of Pluscarden bapteized the bairn."]

May 6th.—*Puir folk.*—The Sessioun hes tane ordour with sum puir folk, viz., Thome Horner, ane Frendracht man, Jhone Straquhin in Balcherie, Kattie Stephin in Glass, Trimlaine Meggie, Gleyit Peddie, Gillandreiss. If this last beis fund beggand he salbe brynit on the cheik and baneist.

The minister admoneished Patrik Dunbar called Barroun of Sanquhar and Katherein concubein to the said Patrik to seperatt wnder the paynis of excommunicatioun.

May 9th. — *Mondayis exerceis.* — The Monondayis pastyme and exerceis conforme to His Majesteis statutis is with consent of the Session admittit to be vsitt discreitlie and godlie prowyding that the mornyng prayeris be keipit or they go to exerceis and lykwayis the evenyng prayeris thaireftir, and specialie that the Wedinsdayis sermounis be keiped ilk Wedinsday and siclyk that the bailleis tak ordour that thair be no prophane stylis vsit amongis thame bot that the samyn be precislie inhibitt as also that they advyse quhome salbe admitt gouernours in this exerceis thatt all thingis may be done decentlie and weill.

May 11th.—James Law appointit to bring on Sondaye eiftir noone the lawis of the pastyme that the samyn may be sein and considerit be the minister and eldaris.

May 13th.—*Slawnes of the officiaris.*—The officiaris ar found gryt fault with for their slawnes in not poynding persons for absence this Sonday in respect of the gryt raritie of the convention.

May 16th. — It is appointit that sic personis within this burgh as salhappin to go to thair pastyme on Monondayis befoir or eftirnoone sal kepe the prayeris at baith tymes and also it is statut be the advyse of minister and elderis that sic personis careis furth thair ensigneis eftir and goes to their dansing and guysing and keipis not the prayeris salbe puneist.

Richert Cuming, sone naturall to James Cuming, tailzeour in Elgin, is inhibit to haunt dycing or playing at the cairtis under the paynis of making his publict repentans.

May 18th.—*Kay.*—Comperit James Kay, quhome the elderis accusit for passing tyme and displaying the ensignies the tyme of the evening prayeris, confessit the fault but allegit that he haid not the bell, nochttheless he promeised to keipe gude ordour wnder the paynis of making his publict repentans.

May 20th. — *Leang.* — William Leang in Ardgy accusit for contempning the magistratis and officiaris be abstracting his presens fra heiring of the sermone being accompanyit with his eldest sone and another confessit his offence to God and his kirk and hes promesed neuir to committ the lyke offence and forder promesis as euir he happinnis

heireftir to repair to this toun vpoune Sabboth dayes he sall cum to the preachingis and keipe the kirk the tyme of the sermonis wnder the paynis of puneishment in his bodie and geir.

May 27th.—All unlesum pastymes on Monondayes to be abolished.

June 8th.—*Gray.*—[Isbell Gray, for slandering Janet Winchester and calling her witch, to enter to her repentance in sackcloth.]

June 10th.—The officiaris are commandit ilk Sonday to searche houses eftir the ringing of the first bell and to poynd eftir the secund bell.

Folkis to be mareit.—Sic personis as ar to be mareit within this kirk sall sett cautioun to keepe the Sondayis sermones befor and eftir noone vnder the paynis of ten pundis to be paid *ad pios vsus.*

June 13th.—*The vomen poyndit.*—Alexander Fraser the horneris wyff and her housband confessit thair being in thair hous the tyme of the sermon on Sonday. Alexander Sinclairis wyff committit to waird for haiffing folks in hir house the time of the sermonis on Sonday. Alexander Ross wyfe and others committit to waird for removing out of the kirk. To remain till they pay half a merk. Cristen Auldcorne and other three women reprovit for their louping on the calsaye.

June 15th.—*Gairdniris.*—Some of the gardineris are licenciat to visie thair yairdis on Sondaye and to remove furth at the queir dure and haif ony officiar they may get with them. John Cowie ordanit to get ane lok to his hous dur quhairby his dauchter may come to the kirk on the Sondayis.

Generall ordinance.—It is appointit that thair sall sit ane honest man ilk Sondaye at the entrie of the new loft to stay the tumult and to keipe the formest seatt for the searcheris to sitt upon when thay cum in.

June 27th.—*Minister.*—The minister declarit to the elderis that the Kingis Maiestie had wrettin for him to pas south thairfoir desyrit thair licence and grantit.

July 4th.—*Gray.*—Issobell Gray this day clad in sacclayth for making of hir publict repentans for slander, for misbehaveing hirself and ansuering so impenitentlie and accusing the sessioun of injustice in presens of the congregation quhen scho suld haif confessit hir fault, thairfoir scho is appointit to be put in the joiggis quhairin scho sall remane ane houre on Saturday nixt as puneishment addit to hir repentans in example of utheris to commit the lyke.

July 20th. — *Warnyng of elderis.* — Alexander Miln appoyntit to warne in the landward elderis agane Wedinsday nixt and that they sall bring in delatioun of bydaris away from the kirk fornicatouris and onbiggaris off Midsommer fyiris or ony wther wyces among them.

Persons were singand prophane sangis in David Gadeis hous yisterday.

July 27th. — Hew Falconer in Innerlochtie declarit thair wes a midsommer fyir bot culd not tell quho biggit it on.

August 1st.—Thomas Hepburn in Innerlochtie delatis lytill children to be the onbiggaris of baill fyiris at Midsommer evin and hes promeist to warne in all his awin cottaris and seruandis agane Fryday nixt quho sall be examinat thairupoun.

August 3rd.—The minister lamentis the coldnes of sum of the elderis exhortis thame to be mair fervent in the caus of God and ilk ane of them provok and press forward utheris in thair vocatioun seing of the Lord they sall resaue the recompens of thair traveills, exhortis thame in the fear of God to hald hand to the puneishment of sin.

August 5th.—*Cutlaris wyffe.*—Thomas Haye this day searcher of the ovir end of the toun, quho fand fault with the cutlaris wyffe quho held the dur fast on hir and wald nocht suffer him to visie quha is in the hous with hir the tyme of the sermoun, quhome the magistratis committit to waird quhill scho find caution nocht to do the lyke or ellis act hir selff under paynis of baneshment.

August 8th. — *Richartsoun.* — Elspit Richertsone miscallit John Stewart in the kirk sayand Quhow is this that I can not be quhyt of ane mensworne tyke. [She is to be put in joggs six hours and if again in fault to be banished.]

George Vauis for opinying of his buith durris on the Sonday to pay 20s.

September 12th.—Isbell Foularton to pay xl d. for selling of drink the tym of the sermoun.

October 5th.—It is appointit that the north kirk dur be opnit and a dur provydit thairto.

Kirkyaird.—William Gibson [and three others] haif promeist to big thair pairt of the kirkzaird dyke.

October 10th.—*Inhibitioun againis the redar.*—Robert Leslie, redar, is inhibit be the minister to bapteis ony bairnis at the mornyng prayeris on

Sonday nather to marie ony at that tyme and last of all inhibit to ressaue ony parteis befoir him.

October 14th.—All sick persounes as wer found in the Deanes yaird this daye the tym of the sermoun to be wairdit at the morning prayeris.

October 19th.—The officiaris commandit to leasche the boyes at the cros that were playand the tyme of the sermone.

October 26th.—*Bishope.*—Alexander Steuart is becum caution that Grissall Bishope sall stand on the stuill and hir hair about hir een three Sondayes.

November 4th.—The maisteris of the Grammer and Sang Scholes ar appointit to disciplin thair disciples that trublit the kirk this day.

November 13th—Patrik Dunbar baron of Sanquhar is married to Katherein Cuming the relict spous of John Forbes in Ortoun and daughter to John Cuming of Ernsyde yr.

November 14th.—Isbell Foulertoun [and others] to pay half merk for awaybyding fra the kirk. The minister exhortis the elderis in Gods name to be mair carefull and dilligent in thair calling. The minister sall admoneish all the inhabitantis of this burgh furth of the pulpit to keip the preaching and specialie the gudman and gudwyffe of ilk hous to be present at the Wedinsdayis preaching and that they keipe the prayeris, attour to inhibitt all pastyme on the calsay and vaging thairon the tyme of devyne service and all extraordinar drinking at ony tym under the paynis of condigne puneishment.

November 16th.—*Duff.*—It is appointit that ilk Sabboth day tua elderis sall sit in the east end of the loft and thair tak ordour with the landward peopill and siclyk that Thomas Duff be commandit nocht to suffer his children to play on the Sabbath or uther preaching dayis in the Channonrie kirk.

December 5th.—*Mudderak.*—Johne Mudderak, saidler, accusit for being in the Deanes yaird on Sonday the tyme of the eftirnoonis sermone. The said Johne confessit, but only upone occasioun (as he ves informitt) to haiff William Sutherland, saidler, onharmitt Alexander Gadderar to quhome he haid promesitt ane euill turne and no vtherwayes. William Sutherland [and others] to stand in the steipill.

December 21st.—Play grantit to the bairnis of the Grammer and Sang Schole for the space of ten dayis provyding that ather of thame present the kirk and the skuillis tuyse ilk daye and failyeing thairoff no playe to be admittit.

Anent the Chanonrie kirk.—All prophane pastyme inhibited to be usitt be any persones ather within the burgh or college and speciallie futballing through the toun, snaw balling, singing of carrellis or uther prophane sangis, guysing, pyping, violing, and dansing and speciallie all thir aboue specifeit forbiddin in the Chanonrie kirk or kirk yaird thairoff (except futball). All women and lassis forbiddin to haunt or resoirt thair under the paynis of publict repentans, at the leist during this tyme quhilk is superstitiouslie keipitt fra the xxv day of December to the last of Januar nixt thaireftir, quhilk ordinance the minister sall intimat furth out of the pulpitt.

Sonday the 23rd of December 1599.—Convenit the minister and elderis and ordenitt William Hyis wyffe, Johne Mowis wife, Andro Annandis wyffe and Andro Gordounes wyffe Johne Gadderaris sone and Andro Gordounes sone quho wer schewdand in a raip this day, all theis to be summonitt agane the mornying prayeris the morne to gif accomptes of all as affeiris.

December 28th.—*Names of the Lasses.*—Heir followis the names of thame that wer singand in the Chanonrie kirk on the 26th day of December: Margaret and Isbell Boynd, Marjorie and Elspet Sutherland, Thomas Innes, persoun of Bonnachie, his daughter, Isbell Schand, Bessie Douglas, Janet Gardin, Magy Thomesone, Marjory Kaye, Janet Haye, Thomas Hay the clerks daughter, Isbell Skynner, Elspet Stephin, Isbell Innes, Agnes Innes, Walter Innes dauchters, Gelis Tarres, Barbara Rob, Isbell Dauidsone, Magy Andersone, Annapill Chalmer, to be heir on Wednisday nixt and to ressaue thair injunctionis with Agnes Walker and the mylner of the Linkwoidis woman wes with thame the same tym. James Calder, burges of Elgin, is becum caution that Marjorie Kay sall not haunt the Chanonrie kirk in tymes cuming about the tymes forbiddin under the paynes of v lib.

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January 2nd.—George Kay and Thomas Robertsone to stand quhill evin in the steipill for passing of tym the houre of the Wedinsdayes preaching and not being occupeit in handiwork to pay 2s. or they cum furth.

Alexander Smythis dauchter for guysing to be put in the joiggis gif it be prowin that scho ves in manis claythis.

January 4th.—*General Act anent Guysingis.*—It is appointit, statute and ordanitt fra this furth that all sic personis as beis found dansing, guysing and singing carrellis through the toune or in the Chanonrie kirk and wther publict places the tyme callit the halie dayis, sic as beis doaris thairof sall be committit to the joiggis and stand thairin thrie houris and thair heades clippit or scheavin for that offence and sick persones as hes bein abusing the tym in the Chanonrie kirk sall mak thair publict repentans bairfuttit and bairheadit ane day on the stuill and salbe presentit lykwayes to the joiggis but sall not be put thairin, and this same act to strik on Marion Andersone for guysing through the toun in menis claythis and to be put in the joiggis. Walter Auldcorn is becum cautioun under the paynis of ten pundis for Jonet Haye and Bessie Douglas and they actit for his releiff that they sall neuir be found passing tym in the Chanonrie kirk.

The variance and elest betuix Alexander Innes of Kirkhill and Mr. Thomas Mauld master of the Grammer Schole and Patrik Guthrie is remouit be the advyse of the sessioun.

January 9th.—Heir followis the names of those that were passand thair tyme in singing and dansing in the Chanonrie kirk viz., Barbara Rob, Helen Tarres, Magie Durie [and nine others]. All theis are appointit to mak their publict repentans a Sonday and being reincident thai sall be putt in the joiggis and thair headis scheawin. Guysaris are theis—Marioun Smyth, etc.

February 8th.—*Communioun.*—Communion nixt Sonday and therfoir all strangeris admoneishit not to preishe to the kirk. It is appointit that the maister of the Grammar Schole occupye reading and singing of psalmes in the queir and a desk to be tain out of the kirk thairunto.

February 13th.—*Mylnes.*—The minister schew to the sessioun that the presbytrie fand grytt fault with the grinding of mylnis on the Lords ay and the samyn wes ane occasioun that stayit mony pepill frome the heiring of the worde, to the dishonour of God and the saluatioun of thair awin saules. The minister chargitt William Gibsone of Sherefmylne to staye his mylne of Sherefmylne onground on the day of the Lord and William Young for the mylnes of Elgyne and Mostowye and Jhone Cokburne for the Bischopemylne to staye thair mylnes onground on the

Sabboth dayis under a penaltie for the first fault, quho promeist to stay thair mylnis.

The bailleis and elderis hes promeist to speik the gudmane of Leucheouris to provyde materiallis to the Communion and in cace the said Jhone Innes of Leucheouris denye to prowyde the same the bailleis promeissis to furneis samekill as sal satisfie thair awin quarteris.

February 15th.—*Anent the catecheising.*—It is appointit fra this furth that ilk houshalder within this perroche sall learn samonye questionis and articles of Christian faith and religioun within the space of thrie moneth nixt efter they salbe delyverit to thame and under the paynes of xls. and debarring of thame fra the Communion, and gif they contempne and remane in vilfull ignorans they salbe removitt furth of this perroche.

The elderis to be present ane hour befoir the vountit conventioun quhairthrough they may ressaue thair tokynnes. The maister of the Grammer Schoole to be forwarnitt to reid the prayeris in the queir the tyme of the seruice in the kirk. The officiaris suorne that they sall nocht gif no tokynes quyetlie.

February 20th.—*Non communicantis.*—It is appointit thatt all men within this perroche cum and ressaue thair tokynes betuix this and Frydaye at evin and that sick personis as pretend elestis to excuse them thatt they cum in betuix this and this daye aucht dayes and allege thair ressones and sic as beis found relevant admittit. [Obstinate persons to be compelled to communicate under the pains of excommunication.] This act is ordenit to be intimat be sound of the hand bell through the town and also out of the pulpitt.

Ult. Feb.—The cutlar gif he beis euir fund bannyng or swearing heireftir to be baneist.

March 5th.—Compeared John Cockburn for not keiping Bishopmyln onground on the Sabboth day. He is ordenit to set cautioun under the paynes of excommunicatioun.

Officiaris.—The officiaris are commandit to note the names of those women that haunts the fische mercatt the tym of the sermone and prayeris on the wek dayes.

March 7th.—*Milne.*—James Mylne at the Walkmyln is becum actit under the paynis of ten merkis to staye his mylne ongane on the Sabboth dayes.

March 9th.—That Gilbert Gadderar inhibit be sound of the hand bell all personis within this toun to play at the chew within the burgh or outwith neirhand to the samyn, ilk persoun man under the paynis of half merk of his fie and his maister to be ansuerable thairfoir.

March 16th.—Johne Cokburn to be admoneist to staye his myln of Bishopmyln onground on the Lords daye under the paynes of excommunication.

March 28th.—*Fixit stuillis.*—It is concluditt that all the fixit wemen stuillis in the kirk be remouitt incontinent eftir our dissolving furth of this sessioun and that conforme to the act already maid.

March 31st.—Becaus sum folks fynds fault with the removing of the vomen stuills the minister inquyrit severallie ilk elder about gif they allowit or disallowit that ordour that wes takin in the removing of the stuillis. Efter sum ressouning it is allowit provyding that thair be sum ordour takin for easing of the agit vomen and diseasit persounes in the kirk the time of the sermone, preaching or prayeris and therefoir that they gif in thair bills for craving of sic thingis as is neidfull.

Persones delatit this daye in thair houses fra the kirk. Delaitit Katherein Cowye wes gangand to the Channonrie kirk, etc.

April 2nd.—*Innes.*—Margat Innes, spous to Alexander Innes, tailyeour, is appointit to pay xl d. for the haldin fast hir dur on Sondaye and having company with hir in the hous the tym of the searching and gif euir heireftir scho beis guiltie in the lyke sall pay xx s.

April 4th.—*Hay.*—Walter Hay, goldsmith, for setting upoun Andrew Stalker, goldsmith, with a drawin sword in his hand speciallie upoun a nicht befoir the celebration of the Lords Supper is appointit to present the stuill of repentans on Sondaye nixt for amendment to the kirk whom he offendeit.

The gudmane of Corridoun hes promeist to try furth the persone that cam to charme his wyfe by his witting. The minister exhortis to try sic personis as charmis that they may be puneist.

April 11th.—Alexander Gadderar, for slander, ordained to indew himself with the saccloth and enter himself to his public repentance within the paroche kirk of Elgin from the last chop of the hyndmest bell to the conclusion of the sermone and prayeris maid be the minister and during the said space to stand in the common place of penitents of that soirt with a mytre to be sett on his head.

Jhone Gordoun portioner of Lewingishauche according to his promeis hes vsitt dilligence touching the persone that cam to charme vmquhile Cristane Sutherland his wmquhile spous and presentit Jonet Gray Jonet Hay Jonet Campbell Dauid Ga and Mariorie Valker quho deponit therupoun as thair depositionis remanis yit extant in a skroll of papir.

April 23rd. — *Mow.* — John Mow to pay 13s. 4d. for speiking presumpteous language aganis the magistratis.

April 30th. — Thomas Hepburn promeist to staye his myln of Innerlochtie ongoing on the Sabboth daye.

May 13th.—*Ten commandementis.*—It is appointit fra this furth that the maister of Grammer Schole his schollares saye the Lords prayer, the beleive and the ten commandmentis tuo dayes togidder, the musick schollaris ane day and Robert Lesleis schollaris tuo dayes.

May 16th. — The officiaris are commandit to wait on Sondaye efternone and haif thair halberts on thair schulderis, and William Young and Alexander Pringill to avait on the ouir end of the toun, William Gibsone and Mr James Gairdin in the nether end of the toun.

May 21st. — *Maister of Schole.* — The minister and elderis inhibits the maister of the Grammer Schole fra this furth to practeis any comedie ather inwith the schole of this burgh or outwith the samyn without speciall licence of the Session obtenit thairto and siclyk the maister himselff thinkis he hes done wrang in practeizing thairoff the said comed play so rashlie and unadvysedlie and thairfoir promesis fra hence furth not to practeize the lyke.

May 23rd.—*Person Bonnach.*—Comperit Thomas Innes, persone of Bonnache, ves desyritt to be present at the heiring of the word quho ansuerit that he vald quhen he ves present in the toun and haid no lauchfull and ressonable excuses to stay him, but as to communicat with the sacrament of the Lords Supper refusitt and allegit he haid ane lauchfull excuis for him nochttheles hes takin him to advyse and gif his ansuer the nixt session day.

Siclyke Thomas Mauld, maister of the Grammer Schole, for his publict offence sall confes his fault of making a play and comed of Tyrence in the freir kirkyaird on Tuysday last sall stand in his awin seat on Sondaye nixt and acknowlege his errour by his ansuer to the minister and thair lykwayis publictlie befoir the kirk promeis nevir to commit the lyk.

May 28th.—It is appointit that the personis seikaris licence to pastyme be tryit on Fryday nixt.

May 30th.—*Kay: Alex. Grant, tailyeour: Gray: Robertsone: Stronach.*—George Kaye the displaying of the taffatie on the stepill vall quhen he vas wairdit thair with Arche Graye, Alexander Grant, Thomas Robertsone, and William Stronache, his complices on Monondaye last bypast for the quhilkis and speiking presumpteous words in presens of the Sessioun and for uther his enormiteis knawin to the juges as for the incyting and seducing utheris his complices and collegis to cum to seik licence to haif ane Abbot play quhairthroch ane tumult and uproar micht aryse aganis the disciplin and commonveill of this burgh the said George is ordenit and adiugit presentlie to be put in the stockis to remane thairin quhill Sonday nixt and thaireftir to be adiugitt of the Sessioun. Williame Dunbar, maisone, is becum cautioun wnder the paynis of ten pundis that he sall not preishe to vse any plays or pastymes or wse or haunt company with the rest: [so of the others]. John Lay, pyper, inhibitt to pas throch the toun or yit playe besyd the toun on a grytt pype under the paynes of baneishment furth of the perroche.

Mr. Schole.—The maister of the Grammer Schole being accusit be the Sessioun for transgressing of the ordour of the disciplin of the kirk be using sic insolens and lascivious fashiounes as mycht brangill and hurt the estait of the commoun weill of this burgh and speciallie in the first for conduceing a pyper to playe on the gryt pype with his disciples to the bentt by the consent of the counsale. 2° Gif he conducit with his bairns to caus seik silver the tym of the comed playing. 3° Gif he ves in consale of the buying of the bellis and dansing claythis and gif thair wes ony geir promesit to him be his skollaris to grant thame licence to play. 4° Gif he wret the infamous bill giffin in be the raskall soirt (grantit that) and siclyk being regrated be the minister that he at Mr. James Guthrie his desyre and his awin past the first offens upone promeis that he suld not commit the lyke quhilk he transgressit with all the quhilk the Sessioun fyndis fault and convictis him guiltie of dyvers pointis thairoff and thairfoir for restraining of sic lowsnes and commotioun in tymes cuming incaice sic thingis fall out on his occasioun and ouersicht the said maister sall loiss his half yeiris fie and ressaue present deprivatioun and in the meyntyme presentlie

dischargis him to do lyke wnder the saidis paynis quhilk warning and command he acceptit and thair confessit his offence to the Sessioun and repentit and declaritt that any sick thing haid fallin furth throuch his ouersight and thair promeist before them that he suld never suffer the lyk to be done and committit be him selff and his discuples in tymes cuming.

June 1st.—The bailleis and elderis sall convein the morne to the mornyng to baneiss the stranger beggaris. Gif the cutlar ressaves his dauchter that is baneist he salbe lykvayes baneist, his wyffe and his sone also.

June 6th.—A fast appointit for Sondaye cum aucht dayes.

June 13th.—Compeiritt Thomas Innes persone of Bonnache quho ves accusit for contempning the vorde and dishanting his paroche kirk. The said Thomas ansuerit that he might nocht nather valde he repair to the heiring of the vorde in the paroche kirk of Elgin be ressone he haid the laird his maister to avait on quho ves a pariochinar of the kirk of Wrquhart to the quhilk he ves demandit be the said laird to convoy him ilk Sondaye. Siclyk ves speirit at the said Thomas Innes quhy he abstenit thir tuo yeiris fra the Communioun, ansuerit that he culd not receive the Communion becaus his tuo brother lyves wer socht with the persewaris quhairof he ves so displeased, quhilk ressone wes comptit friuolous be ressone it ves onlie the Kingis law that ves socht to be obtemperit and to be executt upone thame quha ver convict of slauchter, nochttheles the minister requestit him to communicat quho refusit and thair in jugement said plainlie that the minister dealt onlie with him of meir malice and hathrent he buir agane him and the rest of the name of Innes intending therby to truble him, and said that he ves not the first Innes that the minister haid vraikitt and ane in speciall quhilk ves Mr. Johne Innes, quherupone the minister requestit act of assemblie that he haid vniustlie slanderitt him and protestit for remeid. The said Thomas ansuerit that he regairdit nocht quhat he protestit nather quhat he proceidit on Sonday or Monundaye aganis him, and forther the said Thomas constantlie affermit that na ecclesiastick disciplin haid power to censure George Kay to put him in the stoicks.

June 27th.—*Valking.*—For the halding the peopill valking the tym of preaching it is appointed that ilk ane valkin another and gif that availlis nocht a law thairefter salbe sett doun be advyse.

Thomas Alseonir and Janet Russell incesteous personis to mak thair repentance in saccloth 13 Sondays beginning in the porche dur in thair habite at the first bell to the ending of the last bell and thairefter to cum in and present the public place at the mid pillar under the vest loft thair to stand and sitt quhill the ending of the sermone quhair they sall confess thair offence and craif God mercie.

June 30th.—The minister and elderis convenit within the south ile.

Generall act.—It is ordanitt that thair be upliftit and exactit of ilk bailyie that removes nocht the baneist personis in his quarter 20s. and of ilk elder that delatis nocht thame to the bailyie betuix this and Wedinsday next 13s. 4d. the roll of thair names being haid to knaw thame.

July 9th.—The minister compleins and also lamenteth the slawness and raritie of the conventioun of the peopill to the Wedinsdayes preaching, exhorting the haill assemblye to be mair dilligent in thair calling and speciallie to convein the peopill to the heiring of Gods word.

Symond: Gadderar. — Isobell Geddes, the relict of umquhile Alexander Symond alias Robertsone, and hir bairnis to compeir on Wedinsday nixt to subscryve the letter of slaynes to Alexander Gadderer.

July 17th. — Bessie Corben is ordenitt to remoue yitt with certificatioun scho salbe brynt on the cheik and scho dissobey.

August 1st.—*Cuming: Symond: Nauchtie.*—Williame Cumming and William Symond for abusing the Sabbothe daye in casting lottis for —— Nauchtie and the said Nauchtie for ganging in thair companyes about the Lady Hill and using sick formes as scho usitt, the saidis Williames to be put the morne being Satturdaye in the joiggis and the said —— Nauchtie to be put in the golffis quhairby utheris maye tak exampill to committ the lyke, all this to be done at one time.

August 20th. — *Pringill: Symond.* — Alexander Pringill is becum actit sourtie and cautioun for Williame Symond, sone of Thomas Symond, alias Robertsone, that he salbecum prenteis, lyik as he presentlie byndis himselff prenteis to his said father to continew prenteis with him during all the dayes of his fatheris lyvetyme onlie to be sustenit in meat and claithes quhairin gif the said Williame transgres he salbe instantlie puneist with baneishment.

August 24th.—William Dunbar to be poyndit for refusing the puiris bredd.

August 29th.—It is appointit that the fouir bailleis be visitoris on Sondaye nixt and that thair places be keipet to thair incuming thairfra, also that the bell pass throch the toun the morne be tyme of daye for proclaming the fast, siclyk that this daye the morne and the mercatt daye the actis maid anent the ten houris and four houris bell and watche in the toun and feildis be proclamit be sound of the hand bell that nane pretend ignorance thairof.

[The session now always meets in the south aisle.]

September 7th.—William Gibson and the remanent bailyeis accusit the slawnes of the officiaris this day in the assembling of the peopill.

September 14th.—All the officiaris presentis thair poynds instantly; forther it is appointit that the minister name ony man he pleissis to chakvatche sic personis abydis athir fra the kirk or yit remanis furth out of the kirk and returnis to thair housis. The minister exhortis the haill number of the honest men of the toun to keip the Wedinsdayes preaching that the Lord God of hevin may grant a blissing to thair labouris in this tyme of the harvest.

Certain poynds delyverit and put in the yle to be keipitt.

September 19th. — *Gordoun.* — John Gordoun, Corridoun, contracted with Margaret Ogilvy the relict of the laird of Auchannachie of that ilk.

September 21st. — Dyuers poynds presentit to the officiaris quhilk wes tane upt fra the personis awaybyderis fra the kirk to be reseruit quhill the awneris be tryit.

September 26th.—The minister intimat his Majesteis will contenit in his letter and ordenis Sonday nixtocum to be keipit as a day of thanksgeving for his Maiesteis delyuerans and sic as cumes nocht salbe comptit dissonoraris of his Maiestie.

October 8th.—Convenit with the minister and elderis for having of thair opinioun in materis concernying the commoun veill of the burgh John Mill [and 15 others].

The puir to be numbered and provisioun to be maid for them be the haill parochinaris *pro rata.* All strangeris instantlie to remove undir payn of death betuix this and the morne at nycht. The bailyeis at eftir none to pas throch the toun to ressaue the nychtbouris aithis that they sall not ressaue straingeris in thair houses without knawledge of the bailyeis. That the yaird headis be biggit on the expensis of the awneris, ane chakwatche ilk nicht under the paynes of ten lib. the negligentt for

the first, the second exyle, the third death. A roll to be made of the folks of Fyndorne.

October 12th.—Thair is appointit to ryde vest to Fyndorn the morne Thomas Hay, Robert Innes, James Lesly, Alex^r. Pringill. Johnn Culbak, Alex^r. Smyth, Thomas Clerk and George Imblach to be haldin out. Wm. Young is desyrit to tak tent to his myln and hous and caus mak tickattis of the tymmer in the queir to the over poirtt. David Hardie sone to Williame Hardie inhibitt to pas and repas to the Pans.

October 22nd.—Thair is appointit to go west to Fyndorne Alex^r. Boynd [and three others] with charitie to the peopill of Fyndorne.

October 24th. — The elderis present thinks it meit that thair be appointit be advyse of the bailleis and counsale ane faythfull man that can wret quho sall haue ane papyer buik to not the outpassing of ilk persone that gois out at the poirtis and thair returning in agane, the day, the hour, place wher they haue bein.

October 29th.—It is appointit that John Gordoun, baillie, and his folks pas to Fyndorne with thair charitie the nixt Fryddaye.

November 26th.—A commission to Alexander Annand to mene the estait of the countrie to his Maiestie and his Consell and to bring Bell the cleinger out of Dundey and to bring letteris to charge the magistratis of this countrey for laying of a taxation for satisfeing of the clengeris and expensis to be sustenit thairupoun. A fast ilk Sondaye to be obseruit in this burgh during the tyme of this mortalitie in the countrey heir aboutt.

December 5th.—Euerilk Sonday appointit to be a day of fast and sic as beis deprehendit in surfet and ryot to be puneist as for ony uther fault.

December 12th.—*Catecheising.*—It is appointit that the bairnis repet the commoun cathecheis this nixt oulk nychtlie, and evenyng and mornyng a psalme to be song, the catecheising and the blissing, and vpoun the xxiii of this moneth catecheising to begin on the article of repentans to continew thre nychtes in the oulk viz. Tuysday, Fursday, and Fryday.

It is aggreit that George Cumming and George Annand ryd to the ladie Ernsyd younger to speak hir anent hir servandis.

The maister off the Sang Schole to be spoken anent the daylie psalme at mornyng befoir the reding and at evenyng befoir the blissing.

December 19th—Meittingis ilk nycht and ilk day in the morwyng. William Gibsone and Alexr. Pringill to visie Midletoun, William Young, James Lesley and Williame Kynloche to the Liggait to visie the plaige.

December 26th.—Comperit Laurence Dundas and in the chantour his freindis name presentit ane excuse of ignorance of the actis ecclesiastik inhibiting the frequentatioun and resoirting in the place callit the Chanonrie kirk or yaird and places thairabout nochttheles it is appointit that Alexander Boynd, Alexander Pringill, and George Cuming sall go speik the chantour, subchantour, and remanentis personis playeris at the futball yisterday the xxv day of December in the said place and schaw thame thair offence quhairby thai may amend it by gevin thair presens, confessing the same to be a fault.

Mr. James Gairdin [and three others] sall pas this day and visie baith the litle and mekill Innerlochteis.

December 28th.—*Cokburn.*—Johne Cokburne and his wyffe to be convenit to Wedinsday nixt for setting of caution that the Bischopmyln sall ceis onground on the day of the Lord as utheris taxmen of mylnis within this presbyterie hes done for the honour of God and veilfair of his chosen peopill. [If they fail they are to be admonished and then excommunicated, having been admonished twice already.]

It is appointit that 24 bywatches wait on the poirtis of this toun during this tyme of the wisitatioun.

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January 7th.—David Torrie and William Torrie his sone to visie the estait of the seik and haill folkis within the perrochin of Duffous and to repoirt ansuer thairoff.

It is appointit that the dyik betuix the colleg and the toun be transportit this day at eftirnoone.

January 9th.—*Hay bapteised.*—It is appointit that the boy callit Hay presentlie in Thomas Hayis hous quho is yit onbapteist that he compeir on Sonday nixt befoir the blissing and thair desyir the minister to ressaue him into the kirk be the sacrament of baptisme and becaus he is cum to yeiris of discretioun being about xix yeir of age he is appointit to gif a confessioun of the articles of the faith publictlie and thaireftir to ressaue the seall and sacrament of baptism.

January 21st. — Alexander Innes, tailyeour, for neglecting the gaddering of almous to the puire is ordanit to pay iis. and Walter Auldcorne 4s. 8d. for his carlessnes thairin.

January 28th. — Memorandum to speik the presbyterie anent the mylnes. Johnne Cokburn yit to be summonit to compeir to heir and se him be denuncit to mak his publict repentans for his syndrie contumaces to the Sessioun and thair ordinance and that vnder the paynis of excommunicatioun.

January 30th.—Margaret Dunbar, spous to John Cokburn, compearit and declairit that they have renuncit the takkis of the Bishopmyln inrespect quhairof allegit that the elderschipe suld nocht compell thame to set caution. The sessioun ansuerit that tyme will try gif scho sayis trew.

February 15th. — Landward eldaris: Laird of Pettindreiche for it, George Rob for Kelles Ester, James Chalmer for the Bougsyid and Scherestoun, Alexander Russall for Hauche and Nether Manbenis, Johne Mill for Over Manbeynes, David Torrie for Douelliegrene, Johne Gordone for Mostowie, Hew Falconer for Quhytfeild and his pairt of Mekill Innerlochtie, Thomas Hepburn for Lytill Innerlochtie and his part of Meikill Innerlochtie, Anthone Chalmer for Dinkintie, Cauldcottis, Foresterseat and Scottistounhill, Thomas Femastir for Petgonye and Cauldhame, Thomas Tulloche for Gilmorsyde, Langrig and S. Androwis-Kirktoun, James Cumming for Barmukattie, Lynkvoid, Wodsyde, Birclayboig and Glasgreyne, William Innes of Blackhillis for it and in his absens Robert Malleis quha is for Thornhill and Glackmarres, and Mr. Alex. Leslye for Quhutwray, Miltoun, and Langmorgan.

Elderis electit and admit acceptand for the burgh [4 bailies and 12 others. Elders for the college, 2. Deacons 4].

February 18th.—*Dunbar.*—Patrik Dunbar, callit Barroun Sanquhar, is convenit for minacing the townis portar and geving injurious wordis to Alexander Boynd ane of the counsall and for inbringing of a stranger man and a woman aganes James Jamesone, quha was then keipar of the Nether Poirt, his will, for the quhilk the haill consall and sessioun adjudges him in the vrang and to cum in the tounis will thairfoir.

[Parties not compearing at the Session when warned to appear before them to pay half a merk for the first offence.]

William Torreis woman and Barbara Pattoun for casting snaw ballis on Sonday to be summondit for prophaning the Lords day.

February 28th.—Williame Young to speik the laird Mackenzie and schaw him that thair cumes nane to the heiring of the worde bot sick as communicattis at that tyme.

Thair is appointit to helpe Robert Leslye the redar in delyvering of the tokynnes to the townis folkis Mr. James Gardin [and two others].

Advyse towching the estait of the cuntrye and the plague and for helping of the puir people of the Bruchsea.

March 4th.—James Douglas delatit William Torrie oncommunicat upone ane excuis that his father brother is schamefully murthered.

It is appointit that tua men visie and searche on Vedinsdaye as thay do on Sondaye and for this caus the elderis to begyn the vark that they may schaw licht to wtheris and gif the officiaris neglect to varne tua honest men the nicht befoir to go with thame they sall be puneist.

It is appointit that thair be ane elder ilk day present to assist the examinationes.

Duncan Sibald his tuo sonnes [and seven others] delatit playeris at the chew in the Chanonrie kirk on Sonday and thairfoir to be wairdit whereuir thai may be apprehendit.

Jhone Gordoun is becum cautioner for John Barbour alias Patersone in Mosstowie and his wyffe and for Androw Cramond thair that they sall lern the tuelff articles of the Christian faith betuix this and Whitsonday nixt with the sex petitiones of the Lords prayer under the pain of 20s. ilk ane.

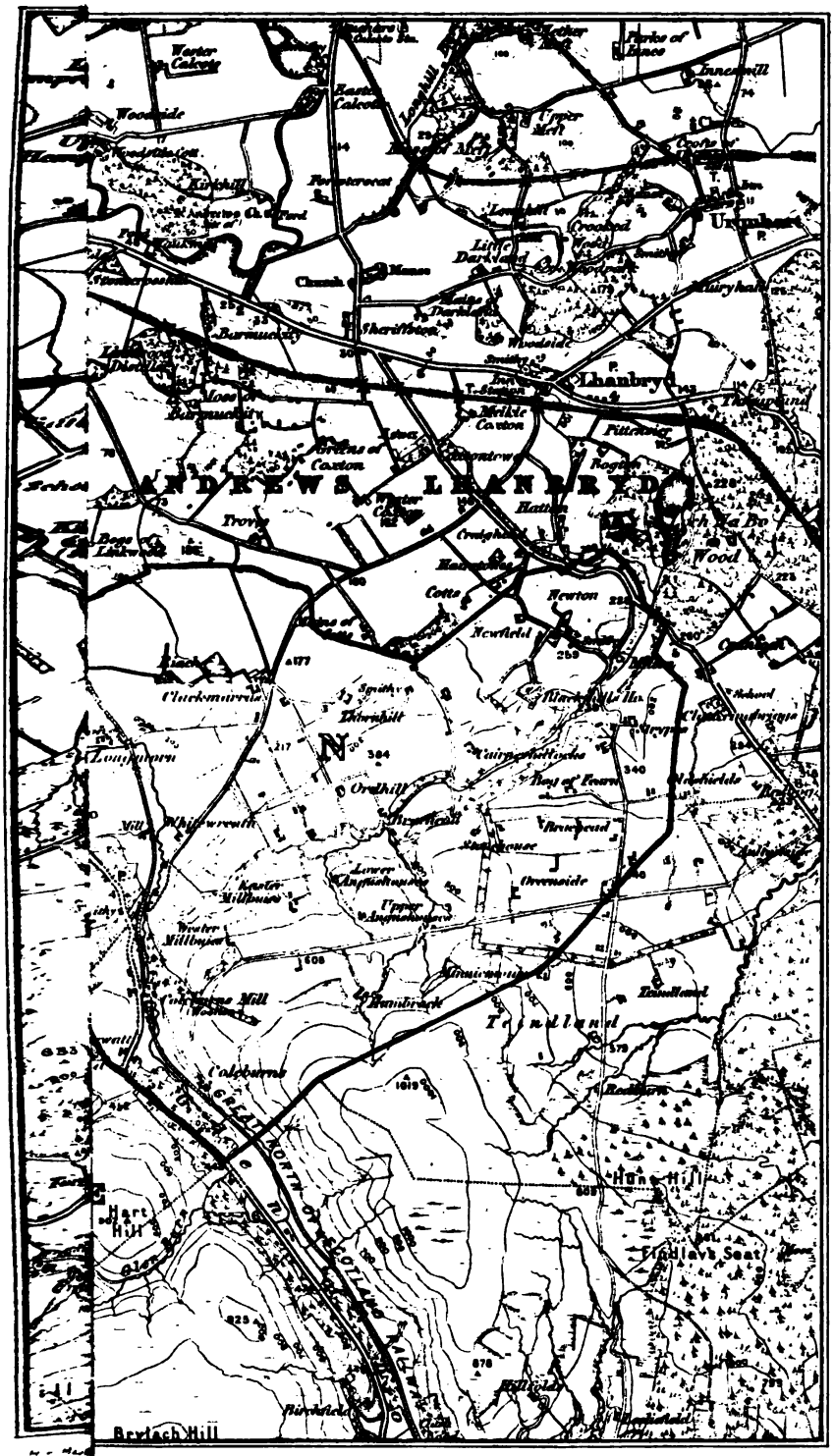
March 6th.—James Vauis, son to George Vauis, ordenit to be beltit be the maister off the Grammer Schole, his ordinar maister, in the sicht of sum Elgin eldaris.

Issobell Foulartoun confessit that scho haid slanderit Johne Smyth, post and aquavitie maker, in saying that the said Johnne had stollin hir cok and that he was the convoy of the stealing hir hors and of hir meir.

William Tarres [and others] to learne the crede and the Lords prayer betuix and Whitsonday nixt under the pain of 20s.

[Cautioners found for Sibbald's two sons and others not to play] at the cheow under the paynes of 20s. or ellis present thame in the joggis.

April 8th.—Comperit Katherein Cowie quho pretendit that scho wes seik and mycht nocht cum tymouslie with the rest of the people to the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sermone and finding hir selff disposit to praye went for solitarnes caus to the Chanonrie kirk to praye thair quhilk scho hes promesit heirefter to forbeir and to hant this kirk the tymes of preaching and prayeris.

April 12th.—Mr. Alexander Douglas pronuncit the sentence of excommunicatioun vpon William Leslie of Connrug apostate.

April 17th.—John Pattoun, wobster, gif he beis deprehendit heireftir playing at the cheaw, sall be puneist at the Croce and in the meantyme is committit to waird with James Ker for being absent fra the kirk last Sonday.

Folks in Langmorgane.—Comperit Alexander Hepburne, Johnne Culbak, Cristen Rannold, spous to Henrie Badyenoch, all theis personis publictlie suorne that they hurt neuir any persone by witchcraft or sorcerie, neither sall they do in tymes cuming and hes suorne that they cnaw nocht quhat it is. They haif all promeist to hant the kirk on the Sabboth dayes.

April 19th.—*Banyeoch: Philp.*—Comperit Jonnet Philpe in Langorgan and maid hir aith that scho did not hurt hir nychtbouris by tchcraft neither yit suld scho do the samyn. Henry Badyenoch maid faith in lyk manner. Baith haiff promeist to heir the sermonis on Lords day.

April 22nd.—*General act.*—[Persons profaning the Sabbath at games pastimes for the first fault to pay 10s., to ward within the Steeple 48 s and then make their public repentance on the pillar]; quhilk act is nit to be put in executioun and practeis on the persones of Thomas ean and William Sutherland saidler for passing the tyme at the bowlis on Sonday the tyme of sermone.

ay 10th.—*Promeis.*—The bailies, elderis and consale hes promeist ıvene the morne at the prayeris to put furth the stranger beggaris presently within the toun.

y 17th.—*Arther.*—Comperit ane boy of threttein yeir auld quhois e is Arthour quho remanis yit onbapteist and desyris the benefit sacrament of baptisme to be ministrat to him, quhairwith the ggreis provyding that he tak paynis to lerne the articles of the i thairefter to be bapteized.

19th.—*Bairnis playand in the kirk.*—Margaret Lumsden for having a barne playand in the kirk the tyme of the sermone promeist nocht to haif the lyke. Agnes Riach promeist the lyk.

Mill.—Alexander Mill, younger, accusit for passing the tyme on the Sabboth daye at the kyiles the tyme of preiching. He confessit and delatit [three others playing with him] quhilkis ar ordanit to be wairdit. Gif euir the said Alexander playis at any pastyme the tyme of the sermoun aither yit dingis his mother or bannis hir or uses any uther misordour in that cace he is content to resaiff ane doussane of strypes at the Thron.

May 27th.—*Auldcorn.*—Edward Auldcorne his tuo sonnes committed to the steipill quhill they be beltit for thair gryt enormiteis and playand at prophane pastymes on the Sabboth day the tyme of preaching.

Tailyeour.—Androw Tailyeour [and three men and three women] all committed to the steipill. Androw Tailyeour is becum actit to haunt the sermones baith on Wedinsdayes and Sondayes and upone requisitioun sall gif accomt of sum part of the sermone preached euerie sermone day under the paynes of v lib.

May 29th.—William Tarres in the college pretendit excuse of his being awaye fra the kirk that thair ves a number of dissolut people passand throche the yairdis the tyme of the preiching. He saw John Murray the vricht and James Cuming, tailyeour, in the Deans yairds playand at the penny stane on Sonday ves aucht dayes. Alexander Cuming and William Stalker pretendit the lyk excuses, quhilkis all ar repellit.

June 12th.—*Fyndlay.*—William Fyndlay promesit to keipe the kirk and tell sick personnes as he kennis to pas throche the yairdis on the Sabboth daye breking the dykis.

The minister declarit that the Kingis maiestie with consent of the generall kirk hes ordenit the tuo last Sondayes of June to be keipit in humiliation, fast and abstinence for dyvers and syndrie causes bot in speciall for the desolation in the cuntrey in religion and policie and for delyverie fra the plague of pestilence.

John Geddes sone lauchfull to Androw Geddes in Auchinhalrik in the parrochin of Bellie and Margaret Gairdin lauchfull dauchter of Mr. James Gairdin ane of the bailyies of Elgin ratefeit promeis of mariage.

June 14th.—Memorandum to remember Walter Hay to mak a stamp to mak signes for marking the puir.

June 19th.—Twa nixt Sondayes for fasting and the haill week betuix thame preceislie to be keipit at the mornyng and evenyng prayeris. Na pastyme to be usit sic as caitching, bouling, the kyles or poirtboules or any uther lewd pastyme during the said tyme under the payne of puneishment in thair bodeis and geir.

June 24th.—Alexander Thome and Agnes Pyerie find cautioun that they sall not vse no balling, pyping nor dancing nor any excess nor ryot nor yit cum furth to the calsay under the paynes of ten lib. and the parteis to be mareit the morn at the morning prayeris becaus of thir dayes of humiliation.

June 26th.—It is fund daingerous the casting of stanes with the slinges, for hurting of folkis, thairfor that the maister of scholes be spokin to the inhibiting thair schollaris fra sic exercceis and sick boyes as can be deprehendit throch the toun having or casting stanes with the slinges to be puneist and thair slinges to be takin fra thame.

June 28th (Sunday).—Convenit all the eldaris and the visitors schew thair ves no fault, thairfoir eftir the incalling of the name of God about fyve houris eftirnone departit with thanksgeving.

July 1st.—Tymmer grantit to the laird Duffous furth of the queir to be a seat to him in the kirk of Duffous quhilk is to be delyverit be the sicht of kirkmaister and eldaris.

July 3rd.—Ane of the officiaris to pas alandvard and poynd the landward eldaris becaus of thair nocht repairing to the session and to charge them to cum on Wedinsday and gif up delation and releive thair poyndis.

July 5th.—Delatit the Bishopmilne to bene gangand this day.

July 12th.—*About the Feildis.*—It is appointit that the minister sall intime furth of the pulpit that nane pas alandwart or about the feildis eftirnone or befoirnone untill the divin seruice eftirnone be endit.

All the eldaris to compeir the morne at efter the mornyng prayeris for designyng and marking of the townis puir folkis by delyuering to ilk ane of thame ane tokin of lead on thair breistis.

July 17th.—Patrik Portifield fear of Kilflet and Agnes Leslye lauchfull dauchter to Mr. Alexander Leslye persone of Rothes with consent of the said Mr. Alexander hir onlie parent ratefeit ane promeis of mariage.

July 19th.—The persones of counsale and eldaris present thinkis gude and ordanes that the hous quhairin Fermour the smyth duellis

be attribut to the veill and use of the puir litle anis quhilk gretis throch the toun under the silens of nycht and a womane socht out to duell thairin to ressaue thame thairin ilk nycht to loudging.

July 22nd.—Everie husband man absent fra the kirk to pay 6s. 8d., and the cottar man 12d., and ilk elder that abydis awaye without a lauchfull excuis 10s.

Actis anent beggaris.—It is appointit be Act of Sessioun conforme to the Actis of Parliament that nane of the parochionaris of the paroche grant outher meat or loidging to ony beggar but to sic as ar markit with Elgin mark on thair breistis. Beggaris found begging on the Sabboth day to be wairdit, and becaus S. James dayis fair approches to the quhilk thair hauntis mony beggaris, thairfoir the eldaris sall apprehend all strangeris [found begging, who are to be burnt on the cheek if they return].

July 24th.—Alexander Russall, for Nether Monbeins and Hauche, delatis Thomas Gadderar passing to Cheppell Vell with a menzie with him.

August 5th (Wednesday).—Eftir a frequent convention of the kingis maiesteis lieges for his delyverance Mr. John Guthrie teachit upoun the secund psalme.

John Fairer in Doveliegrein accusit for ganging to chepple and well callit Ladie Grace, deponit on his consciens that neither him selff, his wyff, nor bairnis, wes thair this yeir, bot confesses that upone a fouir yeir bygane he zeid thair in pilgrimage.

August 9th.—Certane persones notit and speciallie merchandis quho causit thair packis be convoyit awaye with thair geir to Forres to the mercat thairof this day afoir and eftirnone and thame selffis past befoir the eftirnone seruice thairto.

August 12th.—James Calder and James Donaldsone, accusit for thair jorneying to the south on a certain Sondaye immediatlie befoir the eftirnones preaching being the tuelf day of July last bypast, confessit thair offens and hes promeised nocht to committ the lyk heireftir. Nocht-withstanding of thair obediens the saidis persones ar appointit to seik support to tuo herreit men callit William Hepburne and William Hamiltoun as for thair pennaltie injoynit to them.

August 19th.—Certane personis quho being in the idolatrous pilgrimage confessit thair being thair, all thair names contenit in a roll and continewit thair censuring till the ministeris hame cuming.

August 23rd.—No elderis yit nochtwithstanding Robert Leslye ressauit cantioun of sic persones as compeirit for going to the idolatrous chappell in pilgrimage and thair cautionaris notit.

August 26th.—The remanent persones quho wer chalengit for thair idolatrous voyage to the chappell and to the caue hes set cautioun of new agane.

September 6th.—Alexander Annand gaif in a bill vpon Alexander Adam [and others] who dang his pundlar and tuik away his peis.

October 7th.—*Richartsone.*—Elspet Richartsone is committit to waird for having folkis drinking in hir hous on Sonday last the tyme of preaching.

Sutherland.—Margaret Sutherland, spous to David Torrie, hes promeist neuir to be apprehendit on the calsaye the tyme of preaching in pane of publict rebuik.

October 11th (Sunday).—James Leslie, searcher, delatis scheip brocht in to the toun this day on horsback.

October 14th.—*Officiaris.*—The minister fand gryt fault of the rare conventione, and speciallie of the magistratis wyffis, and with the officiaris for thair slaknes in poynding the absentis according to the actis maid thairanent, and for remedie thairof it is appointit that incace thair be found sic slawnes in the saidis officiaris that they salbe put in waird thairin to remane quhill the nixt Sonday immediat thairefter.

Alexander Grant to be put in the joggis on Satirday, and thair stand tuo houris for passing his tyme in vanitie and prophaning the Sabboth day.

October 16th.—*Fischar.*—Richart Fischar accusit for travelling to mercattis with fruict on the dominicall Sabboth, for dinging of his wyff, drawing a suorde to William Youngsone, and for being oftymes drunkin, thairfoir is committit to waird, thairin to remane upone bread and watter untill Sondaye nixt, and sall set caution for observing of ane comelie and gude ordour as becumes a Christiane and mareit man and that vndir the paynis of fyve lib.

Spens.—Margat Spens askit pardoune of Isbell Foulartoun for slandering of the said Isbell and calling hir witche, and incace the said Margat commit the lyk offence aganis the said Isbell scho salbe baneist.

Johne Gordoun sone to wmquhile George Gordoun smith in Stynie and Agnes Bonyman laufull dauchter to wmquhile George Bonyman burges of Elgin ratefeit promeis of mariage and wer mareit 18th November.

October 30th.—Certane personis to the number of ane hundreth personis, houshalderis, absent this day aucht dayis fra the sermone, and thairfoir poyndit, quhois poyndis ar forbiddin to be delyverit afoir Fryday nixt; thair names ar contenit in fouir skrollis.

November 1st.—Alexander Pringill delatit Katherein Cowie, Jonet Jowall praying in the Channonrie kirk, Marioun Innes prayand thair, the gudwyffe of Buckie and the woman in Linkvoid, the Barroun Sanquhair passand by the kirk dur at efternoone, the Bischopmiln gangand and thai windoing schilling thair, and Bellie the milner passand throche the toune.

The mornyng prayeris at vii houris in the mornyng to be said.

November 6th.—Marioun Innes confessit hir being in the Channonrie kirk on Sondaye last, quho promeist to be heir on Wedinsday nixt.

November 8th.—Alexander Mill and Duchmanis sone passing tyme.

November 13th.—*Chanonrie kirk.*—It is appointit and ordanit for sick as gois to the Channonrie kirk, hauntis the same or makkis thair prayeris thair sall pay for the first fault xl s. and stand xlviii houris in the steiple in wairding of thair persones thair and mak thair publict repentans a day and as thai haunt and incres, the puneishment to be augmentit.

A fast to be on Sonday cum aucht dayis.

November 15th.—*Delatioun.*—Katheren Cowie deforcit, Thomas Purs wyff deforcit, and the said Katherein ordanit to be vairdit quhill scho pay xl s. thairfoir. Folkis drinkand in Fraser the horneris hous, prayand in the Channonrie kirk, Robert Torrie playand in William Gibsonis yaird.

November 18th.—*Cowie.*—Katherin Cowie is appointit to keip hir awin seat on Sonday nixt and confess hir offens and promeis neuir to committ the lyk of praying in the Chanonrie kirk under the paynis of iiij lib. and making hir publict repentans.

November 20th.—Thomas Hay delatis the women in Valtir Auldcornis voultis and in Margaret Gadderers voultis; Alex^r. Mil younger, and Dutchemannis sonnes perturbaris; Effie Kingcornis tennentis vnlaufull, all the folkis in Jonet Gibsones clois away bydaris fra the kirk.

John Donaldsone delatis Thomas Alves wyves sister with onforspokin watter about Witsondaye, Scheres the coupar ill to his wyffe.

Jonnet Winchester hes actit hir selff gif euir scho beis apprehendit in the Channonrie kirk at hir prayer scho is content to pay xl s. and publict repentans.

It is appointit fra this furth that sic as abydis awaye fra the kirk on Wedinsday, nocht responsall of geir, sall remain tua houris in the kirk on Fryday thaireftir.

November 25th.—*Ministeris demand.*—The minister speirit gif thair ves any of the Sessioun that culd find any fault with his doctrein on Sonday last let them declair and tell it now, for he is redie to ansuer for himself, and they all being seuerallie speirit at ansuerit in ane voce they fand nane, quhairupoun the minister desyrit a not thairof be registrat.

November 27th.—*Vmfray.*—Isbell Umfray, spous to Williame Clerk, admoneisched neither that scho salheireftir frequent the Channonrie kirk nor yit to pray on hir bairnis graue vnder the pain of publict repentans.

Cokburn.—Johnne Cokburn is becum voluntarie actit that his miln sall nocht gang heirefter at any tyme on Sabboth dayes under the paynis of the making of his publict repentans.

November 29th.—James Dowglas, searchar, delatis that Androw Edie was receiving custome this daye, and vantit calk to mark the mercatte folkis thairwith quhill he yeid hame for it, Margaret Robertsoun was selland bread. Alexander Innes and Alexander Young, searcharis this day, delatis Gillanders a beggar and ane Watsone the couparis dauchter beggand, John Mowis yeid furth of the kirk or the prayeris ver done, Gilbert Gadderaris sone perturband the kirk with Vulsone, Paxton the ministeris man on the calsay.

December 2nd.—*Catecheising.*—Catecheising on the mater of the sacrament of the Lordis Supper to begin on Mononday nixt and to that effect thair is appointit tuo schollaris of the maister of the Grammer Scholis bairnis to reid thame that oulk throchoutt.

December 4th.—*Innes: Purs.*—Agnes Innes confessit that scho said to Robert Innes "Ze ar my vnfreind" and that scho said to James Purs "Quhat invy is this that your brother the minister hes at me" and confessis that scho said "Let thame neuir haiff samekill to thair end day as v s. that geris me pay v s." For the quhilkis misnortouritt speiches aganis the magistratis scho is appointit to pay xl s. to the collector of pennalteis and mak hir publict repentans in hir awin seat and confess hir offence and promeis amendement.

December 13th.—*Chanonrie yaird.*—Act anent the inhibition of pastyme in the kirkyard of the Chanonrie kirk quhill the aucht day of Februar nixt to be intimat.

Williame Hay, baxter, Williame Dauisone and Jonet Auldcorn ar becum vnder the paynes of xl s. that thai sall [not] baik in ony of thair oovnes on the Sabboth dayes.

The names of the elderis of the burgh of Elgin being proclamit the secund tyme and no mane objectand wer solempnlie and publictlie electit. [Such was done yearly.]

December 16th.—*Buriall.*—The Sessioune perceiving gryt perell through the burieing of people in the kirkyaird of thair perroche kirk and within the kirk itself by raising of grene graivis and holking under the kirk vall undermynding of the samyne ordanis fra this furth that na persone presume to mak graivis within the precinct thairof or yit to burie any persone within the boundis of the samine.

William Richartsone and James Donaldsone to pay half mark to the puir for remouuing furth out of the toune the tyme of the foirnonis sermone.

December 18th.—Thomas Symond, cutlar, confessit the charmeing of bairns for the heart growing (becaus sayis he that he is a schyir smyth). The forme is this: he sayis that he takkis a smythis hammer and his tonges and sayins the barne, with the saying *In nomine patris et filii et spiritus sancti*, etc. He declaris that Katherein Sutherland and Margaret Mill brocht ilk ane of thame ane bairne of thairis to him quhilk he charmit in the same forme.

December 30th.—The officiaris commandit to poynd the absentis fra sessioun this day and speciallie thais that yeid in pilgrimage to the chappell and the well.

Katherein Sutherland confessit that scho presentit hir bairne to be charmit with the cutlar betuix Andresmes and the tuantie fywe day of Decr. thaireftir. Margaret Milne confessit that scho presentit ane woman-child to the said Thomas Symond to be charmit about fywe yeiris bygane.

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January 1st.—*Cock: Murdoche.*—James Cock in Nether Manbeins confessit that he and James Murdoche thair yeid upon a tyme to Alues to ane vitche quha thaireftir wes brint in Darnevay; and the said James confessit that he gaif hir half mark stik quhilk scho said behouit to be

cast in the sea and granttis that thair wes vatter brocht out of Schinakes well quhen he was seik at that tyme.

January 6th.—*Warrand: Hossak: Farquhar: Walker: Tailyeour.*—Comperit William Warrand in Over Manbeins and confessit that he yeid in pilgrimage to the chappell of Speysyid bairfut and bairleggit and drank of the well besyid the chappell, that he yeid about the chappell bairfut and thair wes with him his brother Williame [*sic*] Warrand and his sister Jonet Warrand in the same forme and did the same thingis as he did. James Hoissak and Margaret Hoissak grantis that thei yeid to S. Geretynes caue bairfut and bairleggit. The said James declairis that he had a sair arme quhilk he pat in the hoill that is in that cave and wes nocht the bettir and sayis that his sister wes nocht seik. Cristen Farquhar, spous to —— Hossak thair confessis that scho haid a sair leg quhilk wes the occasioune of hir gangang thair and sayis scho wes the bettir of hir jorneying to the caue. Williame Walker and Williame Tailyeour in Douelliegrein confessis that they yeid in pilgrimage to Cheppell bairfut and bairleggit and kneilit about the chappell and declarit that they gaif sum of thair meat to the puir that wes thairat. It is appointit sic personis that passed in pilgrimage in coniunct idolatrie be puneist in wairding of thair persones and makand thair repentans in sacclothe.

Leang: Duncane.—Alexander Leang is adiudgit to pay v s. and mak his publict repentans Sonday for careing a lead fra the miln on a Sonday and Nicoll Duncane, servitour to David Torrie, for doing the lyk appointit to pay xl d. and mak his publict repentans.

January 10th.—Thair wes a gude and frequent conventioun baith befoir and eftirnone, thankis God.

January 13th.—*Repentance of idolaters; Walker: Tailyeour.*—It is speciallie appointit decreed and ordanit that sick persones within this paroche as confessit thair going to the idolatrous places of the chappell at Speysyid and to the caue besyid the seysyid of Stotfauld in superstitious pilgrimage salbe puneist and censurit in this soirt viz. that ilkane of thame sall mak thair publict repentans in sacclothe ilk Sondaye betuix Trinitie Sonday nixt to cum and the first day of August thaireftir bairfut and bairleggit, siclyk to enter ilk Satirday during the space forsaid at sevine houris in the mornyng in the steipill of S. Gelis kirk thairin to remane in waird that day and that nicht quhill thai entir on

the morne to thair publict repentans and ilk Sondaye to be callit in befoir the Sessioun quhairby they may ken quhow the spirit of God hes wrocht with thame and also thai mon sueir neuir to do the lyk in tymes cuming and in the meyntym that the saidis idolaters provide thame selues habitis of sacclothe upone thair awin expenses. William Walker and William Tailyeour, servitouris to Thomas Haye, ar realie, presentlie and solempnlie suorne on thair gryt aith that they sall neuir go a superstitious pilgrimage in lyk manner without consent of thair pastour and siclyk Thomas Haye their maister is becum actit cautioun for thame under the paynis of ten lib. that they sall accompleis and obey the injunctionis heir aboue expressit and within fourtie dayis sall provide themselues habits of sacclaith.

January 15th.—*Cutlar.*—It is ordanit that Thomas Symond the cutlar and his haill famelie be remouit furth of this toune at ane certane day.

Fast.—It is appointit and thought gude thair be a day of humiliation and abstinence befoir the ministration of the Communion on Sonday cum aucht dayes.

January 20th. — *Anent the fast.* — Forsamekill as the Sessioune heiring that the day of fast is nocht keipit be sum folkis of this toune quho nochtwithstanding of the proclamation thairoff baith be the bell and furth of the pulpit surfetts thame selues that day mair nor any uther Sabboth daye, thairfoir it is speciallie appointed, decreed and ordanit be the elderschipe that fra this furth all dayis of abstinence and humiliatione be keipit halie to the Lord without preparatioune of any meattis, outher rost or soddin, bot to vse samekill onlie as may preserue the health of thair bodeis on bread and drink in all sobrietie and temperans, under the paynis of ten lib. quhilk salbe upliftit of euerie maister of familie quho contravenis this Act and ilk seruand and mein folkis to be puneist eftir thair habilitie, according to the vill of the Sessioune and this to be intimat be sound of the hand bell on Satirday nixt.

The eldaris to visie thair quarteris to try slanderous persons and sick as among quhome thair is elestis.

January 24th.—The south-east quarter to be present the morne at evin to ressaue thair tokynes, the south quarter on Tuysdaye, the north-vest quarter on Wedinsday and the north-east on Thursday. The eldaris to be present the morne efter prayer for reconciliation of sick personis as ar at variance and betuix quhome ther is elestis.

January 27th.—*Leuchoris.*—The gudman of Leuchers promeist to provyd and furneis bread and wyne for celebratioun of the Communioun on Sonday nixt and that himself and his wyff and sum of his servands for quhome he will ansuer sall communicatt on Sonday nixt.

January 29th.—*Gibson: Anderson.*—John Gibsone and Alexander Anderson remittit thair elestis and shakin handis.

February 3rd.—The elderis accusit Thomas James for misbehaving himselff to Alexander Pringill and Johne Robertsone, eldaris, quha vald nocht conforme to the ordour to mak his aith that he suld nocht gang in pilgrimage outher to chappell well or to the caue and mair in making of comparisone sayand that he ves als faithfull and honest as ony that requerit that aith of him.

February 5th.—*General Act anent contempnaris.*—The elderschip fynding that nochtwithstanding that the people ar catecheised and lauchfullie and tymouslie warnit to prepair thame selves to the ressait of the Communioun and onlie tuo Sondayes being appointed to the celebration of the samyne to the townisfolkis of the burgh of Elgin quhairof ane Sonday is past the communicants being rare by thair expectation thairfoir for spurring of the remanent that hes not cum to ressaue thair tokynes and for removing of thair slawnes the Session hes statute and ordanit for sick as abstractis thame selues fra the Communion this Sonday nixt and all tymes heireftir salbe puneist, viz. that ilk mane and womane worthe ane hundreth pundis in geir sall pay ten pundis *ad pios vsus* and sall mak thair publict repentans ane day and so *de ceteris* above thair estait and of thame that ar wnder thair estait and this act to be intimat be the sound of the hand bell through the towne incontinent eftir oure outgoing and in the meintyme all persones inhabitantis of this burgh and of the college be warnit be oppin proclamatione to cum this day at eftirnone and the morne at eftirnone to ressaue thair tokynes under the paynis forsaidis.

Johne Gibsone allegit he micht not communicat becaus he vas to persew the murtherer of his brother as he allegit. David Torrie allegit tuo causes and reasones, ane the pursuit of his brotheris death and the slander of himselff be Alexander Gadderar quhilk reasone is admittit that he may not communicat.

February 6th.—It is ordanit that sick as gois to ony wther parische to communicat sall be censurit efter the same forme that is decreit aganis them that communicattis nocht.

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February 7th.—Na misrewle this daye bot a gryt conventioun; the kirk and all the loftis wer plenised.

The bell to be roung ilk day at four efternoone to the evenyng prayeris.

February 12th.—*Yvell.*—Marjorie Yvell for skalding on Satirday last being immediatlie preceiding the Communion, putting hands on Robert Urquhards nurishe and drawing of hir be the hair throch the calsaye to stand in the joggis the morne and hir hair about hir eyn the space of a hour.

February 14th.—[The searchers delate] fouir men at William Gibsonis yet, George Leslie and sum utheris playand at the cairtis in Williame Hardeis hous, Richard Wardenis dauchter on the calsaye, beggaris in William Pattounes hous, John Gadderaris sone and Androw Gordounes man playand at the chew.

February 19th.—*James: Steuart: Fostir: Jonstoun.*—Thomas James pretendit his byding fra the Communion wes seiknes and his wyiff tareit quhill they come togidder to the Communion, quhilk excuis is admittit rationable. Johne Stewart pretendit the steilling of his geir and hurting of his wyffe fywe woundis in hir persone—nocht admittit. John Foster allegit the drawing of his bluid—admittit. Martha Johnestoune pretendit seiknes also scho declarit that about Michaelmas on a certane nycht as scho came furth luiking for hir gudmanes returning out of the quarrell woid and as scho luikit scho beheld at the mercat croce innumerable companies of people quhom scho hard call vpon many women, quhois names scho expressit in particular as Gelis Sutherland and hir sisteris and diuers wtheris.

February 21st.—*Beggaris.*—John Gibsone, searchar in the nether end of the toun, declarit that thair ves a gryt number of strange beggaris on the calsaye and many children playand at the chew. It is appointit that all idill maistirles men and strainger beggaris be chargit and commandit to remove furth of this toune and paroche betuix this and the morne at nyne houris under the paynis of birning thame on the cheik.

February 24th.—William Mortimeris excuis wes a stryffe betuix William Milnes wyffe and his wyffe—not admittit. Anthone Chepmane and Effie Bardie his wyff wanting claithes—not admittit.

March 7th.—*Mr. Schole.*—The maister of the Grammer Schole admoneished to caus his bairnis come to the kirk on Sondaye at the

ringing of the second bell with a grytar modestie and to repair on Wedinsday to the kirk or the outringing of the third bell.

Jonnet Innes.—Jonet Innes, spous to Alexander Mill, officiar, reprovit of skalding and flyting.

March 12th.—*Examinatioun of the landward people.*—Thair is thrie dayis in nixt vek appointit to the examinationis of the landward people. All the vekis thairefter thair salbe fouir dayis—Monunday, Wedinsday, Thursday and Satirday.

Chew.—Intimatione to be maid furth of the pulpit of the inhibition of the chew and the maisteris of housis to be ansuerable for thair seruandis that they play nocht thairat vpoun any day to rais tumultis. The playeris at the chew on Sonday last in the Chanonrie kirk quho enterit in combat viz. *Capitane* Duchemane; his suldeours ar William Tarres the gubister, Henrie Winchester, John Donald, James Wattis his sonnes, Alexander Innes, sone to William Innes, cordinar: *Capitane* Patrie; Alexander Sinclar, Johne Duff, Mr. Henrie Thornetouns sone, William Steillis tuo sonnes.

March 17th.—Thomas James delatis Johnne Gatheraris sone a lows loun quhen the people ar in the kirk. John Gordoun delatis John Petirkin and Alexander Lay, his awin cottaris, thrashing on divers Sondayes and awaybyding fra the kirk, the cutlaris dauchter to be removit, hir father and mother to be removit. Robert Keith delatis Johne Bandoquhie a buriar of a bairne be the waye betuix this and Glakmarres.

Marche 19th.—Convenit the minister, Mr. James Gairdin, Alexander Pringill, Thomas Hay, Mr. Alex^r. Rausone, James Leslie, Johne Leslie, James Law, Alexander Innes, William Milne, Alexander Young, William Innes, Thomas Milne, Johne Annand.

James Rutherfuird burges of Elgin and Marioun Formane relict spous of wmquhile William Gibsone of Sherefmilne ratefeit promeis of mariage.

March 22nd.—Andro Puggatt cautioun for Jonet Hay that scho sall lern xii articles of hir beleiu betuix this and the day of the Communion under the paynis of xl s. [So of eleven others].

March 28th.—Sonday cum aucht dayis appointit a day of fast befoir the Communion alandward.

March 31st. — *Schiphird: Murdoch: Gadderar.* — Sandie Shiphird sone to Thomas Shiphird in Litle Innerlochtie grantis that he yeid to

the chappell to seik his health and denyis that he kend the companie with quhome he yeid. Johnne Murdoche, Nons Petirkin, Thome Gadderar grantis thay yeid in sommer last to the chappell bairfutt and bairlegt and thairfoir ar adiudgit to satisfie the act maid anent idolaters the threttein day of Januar 1602 and to provide scheittis insted of sakclaith to thame selves.

April 2nd.—Jonet Burnet brocht in fische on Sonday last and Robert Durie tuik xii d. in composition.

Janet Nauchtie confessis scho utterit many ill wordis in hir greiff, bot denyis the particular as that it wes the deuill that pat on hir claithis; gif God will nocht gif my siluer to me I pray the deuill to giff it to me.

April 11th.—*Nauchtie.*—John Nauchtie in Mostowie for prophaning the Sabboth daye baith this yeir and farneyeir by plowing and harrowing, sawing of his cornis and threshing on the Sabboth dayis and for speiking blasphemeis aganis Gods ministrie, sayand that the devill haid als gryt powar as God, and that they quho servit him were in als gude cace as thay quho servit God, [to pay 40s. of penalty and to stand three days in sackcloth and, if he offend again] he salbe baneist this peroche.

April 16th. — Mr. Samuell Cokburn minister at Innerawin to be requerit to teach in the queir on Sonday nixt and ane boy to be send to the gudmane of Leucheowris to get answer for materiallis.

April 17th (day before Communion). — The provest [and seven others] to go through the toun to-morrow to see speciallie that none byid in the Channonrie kirk nor in the kirkyaird thairof.

April 18th (Communion).—John Gauld at the alla boulis the tym of sermon, folkis in George Vauis hous eftir none, etc.

April 21st. — *Fraser: Murdoch: Fairer.* — Elspet Fraser, Marion Murdoch and Margaret Fairer committit to waird quhill they set cautioun to mak thair publict repentans for going to the chappell, and haiffing remanit all nycht in the steipill thame selues ar becum actit to mak thair publict repentans wndir the payn of baneishment.

April 30th.—*Mitchell.*—Androw Mitchell, maisone, for not coming to the Communion committit to waird, but becaus he is bussie biggand Williame Hay the baxteris hous is let furth and William Haye is cautioun to enter him on Wedinsdaye nixt to this place vnder the paynis of v lib.

May 5th.—*Landward elderis.*—Anthone Chalmer to present his man that cam in with a lead to the myln on Sonday last. The landward elderis sall admoneis the people to keip the eftirnones sermon ilk Sonday during the sommer tyme.

James Cuming, tailyeour, nocht communicat becaus he vantis his beleiff and for lerning of him his beleiff it is appointit ther salbe a boy to lern him, and him selff ilk day to keipe the mornyng prayeris under pain of wairding. James Reidheid cautioun that his wyff sall lern hir beleiff or the last Maij.

Cutlar Symond sall remove out of this paroche at Whitsonday wnder the payne of publict baneishment.

May 9th.—*Kay: Hay: Midchell: Leang.*—Searcharis delatis this day James Kay passing furth of the toun afoir the foirnonis sermone; Jaspert Hay playand; Christen Midchell gathering kaill; sextein personis in William Pattounes hous; James Rutherfuirds servandis awaye fra the kirk.

Sandie Leang confessit the careing a lead fra the miln to Jonet Watsones and becaus he was convict in the lyk caus sall pay 20s.

May 12th.—*Kay.*—James Kay confessit his ganging to Duffous on Sonday last befoir none and thairfoir is ordanit to stand in waird xxiiij houris or ellis redeme him selff be payment of half merk.

May 14th.—*Fast.*—In respect of the evident tokynes of Gods wraith of this lang induring droucht upone the land and dyuers uther causes it is thought gude that Sondaye cum aucht dayis be keipit as a day of publict humiliation and abstinence.

May 16th.—Androw Gray for being away fra the sermones dyvers tymes is appointit to stand ouer nycht in the steipill untill the mornyng prayeris and pay halff merk.

May 19th.—*Cok: Hay.*—John Cok servitour to Alexander Pringill, for being out of the kirk on Sondaye last, is appointit to stand in the steipill on Sonday nixt fra the morning till the ending of the eftirnonis sermoun (except libertie to cum to heir the worde) and then cum befoir the Sessioun and confes his fault and seik libertie to returne home and this same discipline to be vsit aganis all servandis apprehendit in the lyk offens without redemptioun. Jaspert Hay is content to be brydellit and he be found at pastyme the tyme of devyne seruice within this burgh. Andrew Davidsone for removing furth of the toun on the Sabboth day to pay ii s.

May 21st. — James Cowtis, brabner, wes seik the tyme of the Communioun, wants the Lordis prayer, quhilk he promeist to lern. Geilis Duncan ordanit to set cautioun to lern hir creid.

May 23rd.—Searcharis delatis John Gibsones bastard sone climming nestis, William Youngis servandis abyding fra the kirk, Jonet Alsener in the Bischopmiln gangand throch the toun the tyme of the foirnones sermone, Andro Mill climming nestis, James Murray nestis, Johne Beigis sone doing the same with the provestis tuo sonnes and Thomas Hardeis tuo sonnes. Referris that to the maister.

May 26th.—*Sutherland (Consciens): Vauis: Innes.*—John Sutherland, alias Consciens, for drinking on Sonday last being a day of fast and humiliation, takand the name of God in vaine and swearing his woundis being wairdit fouir dayis in the steipill, to mak his publict repentans thrie Sondayis bairfut and bairleggit and for preparatioun of him thairunto sall cum on Satirday at evin and enter to the steipill and remane thair all nicht and on Sonday and present the stuill and quhen he comes doun to heir the word at eftirnone sall returne to the steipill and remain thair all the day upon breid and watter. Andro Vauis and Williame Innes for playand at the poirtbowlis on Sonday last to pay xl d. ilk ane.

June 6th.—Delated William Lesleis tuo women careing beddis to thair new hous at the eftirnonis sermone.

Jonet Innes.—Janet Innes, spous to Alexander Milne, a commoun skalder, a blasphemar, a slanderar upoune the kingis grace hie gait is ordanit to be put in the joggis for the secund fault and for the third fault baneischment.

June 13th.—Issobell Nauchtie accusit for being fra the kirk pretendit the laik of a plaid. William Haye the baxter his servandis byderis fra the kirk and thairfoir all to be wairdit.

June 16th.—James Grant, baxter, to be wairdit for not fulfilling the dayis of his repentance and for baiking on the Sabboth day. James Cuming, tailyeour, accusit for not lerning his beleiff. William Innes, elder, complenit upoun his wyff and upone his dauchter for thair banning and swearing and therfoir the minister to speik thame baith. James Dunbar, burges, is becum cautione under paynis of xl s. that James Cuming sall lerne the beleiff betuix this and Lambmes nixt.

June 18th.—The officiaris to avait on the fische mercat ilk day about in the mornyng the time of prayeris. Siclyk the mercattis to be intimat the morne and also in Forres on Thuirsday nixt.

Memorandum—the midsommer fyiris.

June 20th.—James Patrick, searchar, fand no fault except —— Stronach, that ran doun through the towne.

June 22nd.—Thomas Gilzeane sone to John Gilzeane in Cotfauld and Katherein Gordoun laufull dauchter of John Gordoun in Mostowie ratefeit promeis of mariage and performit the 14 day of July.

June 27th.—At eftirnone on Sonday Mr. George Glaidstanis, bischop of Kaitnes, preachit 5 ca. Zach.

July 9th.—*Johnstoun.*—[Stephen Johnstone committed to ward for insolence to the minister and Session.]

[The minister complains that some of the Session] haid intercommunit with the excommunicat rebellis, murtheraris, scheddaris of his motheris bluid and haid ressauit thame into thair houses helpit and supportit thame aganis the law of God and man.

Cristen Knox and Jonnet Blak to be baneist this toun immediatlie for harlotrie.

July 11th.—*Fraser.*—Horner Fraser poyndit of a toanges in respect thair was folkis drinking in his hous the tyme of the sermoun.

July 21st.—*Jamesone.*—James Jamesone, pyper, is continewit to the ministeris hamcuming for playing with ane pyp through the towne.

August 15th.—George Martein was makand a graiff the tyme of the foirnones sermon.

August 27th.—*Glakmarres.*—It is appointit that on Sonday nixt to cum the men of Glakmarres be summondit to compeir instantlie befoir the Sessioun to gif a ressoun quhy they reservit a peix land to the deuill callit the Gudmanis.

September 5th.—*Blak: Knox.*—Jonet Blak and Christen Knox to be put in waird.

September 10th.—The barrounes to be aduerteist to convene to tak ordour with the brokkin men, lykas Alexander Boynd hes promeist to adverteis the laird Duffous.

September 17th.—*Blak.*—Janet Blak hes actit hir selff to remoue furth of this toun betuix this and the tuentie ane day of September nixt under the payne of brenning hir on the cheik and standing in the joiggis

and kartit through the toun and syne baneist publictlie and nocht to returne without licence.

September 19th.—*Vatchis.*—Thair wes folkis in Henrie Stephinis hous drinkand at eftirnones sermoun, Johne Baxter and George Baxter raid out of toun the tyme immediatlie befoir sermoun. It is appointit that thair be four elderis to vatche thair tyme about, tuo on the Ladie hill and tuo in the nether end to espy thais that gois to the feildis the tyme of preiching. The officiaris to poynd the landvard people absents fra the kirk and that be advyse of thair elderis. Intimatioun to be maid on Sonday for better keiping eftirnonis preaching.

September 22nd. — *Andersone.* — Margaret Andersone, spous to Henrye Stephin, committit to waird for keiping hostilarie on Sonday adiudgit to remane thair till the evyning prayer.

The maister of the Grammer Schole promeist to delyver the key of the chalmer dur on Sattirday quhen he demittit the schole.

October 4th.—The searcharis fand folkis drinkand in George Cullanis hous.

October 6th. — The officiaris declarit that they fand Thomas Kynnaird and George Fentoun this day togidder in the said Georgis hous, also in Johne Mowis hous thair was Johne Angus and William Sutherland drinkand the tyme of the sermoun. The said day William Richartsone wes standand at his awin yet the tyme of the sermoun.

Comperit Elspet Richartsone and confessit that thair wes folkis drinkand in hir hous the tyme of sermoun on Sonday last for the quhilk and mony the lyk offences scho is commandit till waird quhill scho pay vs. to the officiaris and gif scho beis found relaps to pay xs. to the officiaris. John Samsone for being thair paying horshyir sall pay iis., and William Stalker for being in that companie sall pay iis.

October 8th.—*Fast.*—The minister and elderis appointis that thair be a day of solempn abstinence on Sonday cum aucht dayis.

October 10th.—A snawie day. The visitouris fand Wat Innes dur steikit and himself wes away fra the kirk; Henrie Stephynis wyff in the hous; Beatrix Duff, Nons Peirie [and fifteen others] absents fra the kirk.

October 13th. — Agnes Peirie [and others] for absens to pay iis. William Davidsone for hawing his owin gangand, baikand meat, sall pay vs.

October 24th.—Andrew Rag in Glakmorres confessit scheiring within the paroche of Langbryid on Sonday last.

October 27th. — The Session fynding gryt danger through the resorting and remanying of dyveris straingeris within this burgh sic as —— Fraser, callit the young laird of Durris, and a woman in his company, another callit Jonet Tod in George Wauis hous, ordanis tuo discreit men of the Sessioun to go to them and bid thame to remove and the persones ressaittaris of thame to compeir befoir the Session to ansuer for resait of thame, to despesche thame within xlviii houris under the paynis of ten punds money.

November 7th. — The searcharis fand Nonis Auld on the calsay, Margaret Mill selling aill, Jonet Cowy selling aill.

November 17th.—Jonnet Young vairdit, Davisone his sone vairdit and gif he be found fra the kirk on Sondayis salbe puneist with a belting.

November 21st.—Thomas Kynnaird, searchar, delatit tuelff personis in William Pattones drinkand quho is poyndit thairfoir.

Brander.—William Brander milner at the mylne off Quhytwray hes actit him selff that the milne of Quhitwray sall nocht grind on the Sabboth days sa lang as he is millar thairof under the paynis of 20 lib. Attour the said Williame being accusit as airt and pairt of charming off wmquhill William Richartson by witchcraft as the said umquhill allegit the said William Brander maid faith be his gryt aith that he myndit no sick thing nother culd he do sick thing.

November 24th.—Williame Pattounes wyff to pay half merk for the mony slippis on the Sabboth dayis.

December 10th. — The heich forseattis in the loft to be reservit to the elderis and deacones.

The catechesing to begyn on Mononday at ewin at Carsmanis Vynd in the northeast quarter to James Lesleis hous.

December 24th.—Mr. Alex^r. Rasone desyrit his banis to be proclamit with Margat Elphinstone dochter to Michaell Elphingstone Mr. houshald to our souerane Lord the Kingis maiestie.

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January 2nd.—*Fentoun.*—George Fentoun is becum cautioun that David Thomsone and Jonnet Lumsdell sall keip the eftirnonis preaching,

and haif no menstrall this day under the painis of ten poundis: mareit that day.

January 12th.—The glassin wrycht callit Michaell Scott inhibit to beg almes on the sermone dayis under the payne of banischment, lykas all the puir are forbiddine to beg almous on theis dayes.

January 14th.—Their was a rair conventione among the vemen and James Mill was ane, thare was Heling Hay and Magy Duncan zeid out and sua contention among the vemen eftirnone.

January 21st.—Licens granted to the Mr. of Scholl to teach on Sonday.

February 4th.—The futball to be inhibit furth out of the pulpit on Sonday nixt.

February 8th.—*Thorntoun: Nauchtie.*—Bessie Thorntoune, spous to Thomas Hay, decernit to pay 6s. 8d. for keiping houstillrie on Sonday the tym of sermoun. Marget Nauchtye inhibit to resaw onie persone to drinking eftir the secund bell.

February 10th. — Thomas Makean, Duchemane and Henrie Vinchester committit to vaird for playing at the dyce.

February 11th.—*Boyis.*—Makeane, Ducheman and Henrie Vinchester to pay v s. and howsoeuir eftir to pay the doubl or els to be beltit.

March 13th.—Thomas Hay, searcher, fand dyvers passing to the mercat.

March 22nd.—John Geddes and John Warden accusit for not avaiting on the breddis and sa mony vtheris as var burdenit to avait thairon to pay ilk ane of thame v s.

March 25th.—Comperit John Warden and denyit that the breddis war delyverit to him the nycht befoir.

April 1st.—John Gibson for slandering the minister a long tyme bygaine to stand four days in sackcloth, becaus it wes the spotting of his pastouris honestie.

April 14th.—*Minister his regrat.*—The minister regratit to the bailyeis present, and said ye se the mornyng fische mercat is evir a great impediment staying the peopill frome resorting to the mornyng prayeris, and thairfoir of new and as he haid oft tymes requestit the magistratis to provide remeid, and to the end that the same may be helpit the haill bailyeis and elderis to be present on Sondaye to the eftirnonis sessioun.

Andro Rob maltmane admoneishit to vse a grytar reuerens in his speache and speciallie to forbeir swearing of aithis.

Johnne Angus delatit Marjorie Baxter, Margatt Thomesone, George Cullane, and his wyff, oppin skolderis on the hie waye, as also Jonet Young and Isbell Torrie skolderis.

April 17th.—Convenit the minister and all the elderis. Nothing found done amiss this daye as the searcharis testefeit.

April 22nd.—*Baxter.*—Mariorie Baxter for being this day the tyme of sermoun in the fische mercat to pay xl d. or scho cum furth of waird.

It is appointit that thair be a solempn day of abstinence and fasting keipit befoir the celebration of the Communion and to that effect it is thocht gude that Sondaye cum aucht dayis be the daye.

April 24th.—George Ker a stranger ressauit xiii s. and iiij d. charitie.

The searcharis fand no thing done amiss, bot a gryt conventioun.

April 26th.—*Hay.*—Walter Haye, goldsmith, to be brocht to this place or then to the Consall on Thursdaye to gif his aith that he sall gif no teakynes to ony of the people. The haill elderis to visie thair paroches and seik furth all elestis and thaireftir as they fynd to travell for reconciliatioun.

Pringill.—Alexander Pringill at the desyre of the minister and elders hes consentit to gif to Johne Pringill his naturall sone ane stand of gray claithis with this provisioun that gif he live nocht honestlie and lautefullie that he sall neuir have access among the members of this congregation to remane within the samyne bot to be ane exyle.

Riach: Sutherland: Mowatt.—Alexander Riach, Kathren Sutherland and Isbell Mowatt, personis found this day aucht dayis in the fische mercat, thairfoir to redeme thair poyndis at the officiaris handis.

April 29th.—*Ordinance.*—It is appointit that the minister mak intimatioun furth of pulpit on Sonday nixt that thair wilbe seruice and Communion in the mornyng about sex houris in the mornyng and another at ten houris that the people may address thame selves, and speciallie the seruandis, and a sermoun to be on Satirday nixt.

May 1st.—A day of abstinence. Convenit the minister and all the elderis. Fand no misordour save of the strainger sturdie beggaris quho wer full and dronkin and haid mekill poll bourdon stavis with fork headis of irone quhilk the officiaris tak home quhill they wer tryit and keip thair staffis.

May 3rd.—George Brodie to be spokin for wyne to the Communion, becaus the gudman of Leucheris refusis to provyd furnitour thairto.

May 6th.—*Saturdayis sermon: Lovat.*—Williame Mylne, collector, to caus repair the stwillis to the Communion. The officiaris commandit to go throch thair quarteris to bid all come the morne to the sermoun in the mornyng at aucht houris and all the inhabitants of the burgh forbeir thair laubour a day preceiding the Communion. Licence grantit to my Lord Lovat to communicat as he desyris.

May 7th.—*Elestis.*—The elderis sall travell for removing of the elestis in the nixt veek.

Waiteris on the duiris for ressauing of the teakynis and almes:—George Cumming, James Patrik, James Lesly, John Bonnyman at ten hours, Robert Innes, Robert Sutherland and young Thome Mill in the mornynge, Johne Robertsone and the fouir deacones to avait on the vyne. The first bell to begin at fouir houris in the mornyng and the last bell to the mornyngis ministratioun to end at sex houris.

Touching the disordour movit betuix Helen Wallace and Agnes Umfray in the kirk on Tuysday, Agnes admittit the probatioun of hir caus to the tryall of all honest nychtbouris that wer thair present.

May 8th.—The Sessioun fand fault with Johne Robertsone for taking the man out of the waird quho brocht with him a wrang teakin.

May 10th.—*Saturdayis sermone.*—It is specialie appointit that thair be na maner of labouring afoir the mornyng sermoun on Satirdaye under the paynis of fyve pundis and that all baith maister and seruand keip the preaching.

May 13th.—James Cuming, tailyeour, debarrit fra the Communion for ignorans.

May 14th.—Agnes Kay to be vairdit in the steipill for bannyng and swearing and in cace scho be deprehendit in the lyk fault to pay x s.

James Patrik to gang to Helen Wallace, John Baxteris wyff, to schow hir that in cace scho iniure ony of the towniswomen heireftir in the kirk, as scho hes alredie done, scho salbe puneished in saccloth lykwayis that scho follow nocht John Lesleis wyffe to the place scho sittis in.

Thomas Hay, Robert Keyth, Tyberius Winchester and James Donaldsone, deacons, to avait on the materiallis. William Young and Alexander Pringill to avait on the durris and the remanent elderis to avait on the ministration at the tables.

May 22nd.—*Lasses.*—Comperit Martha Innes quho being inquerit quhat actioun or ernand scho haid to go on Sonday to Spynie scho ansuerit scho yeid thair for yairne. Thomas McEan said he yeid thair for siluer fra Thomas Duncan. Jonet Wulsone grantis hir dancing on Sonday wes aucht dayis, Bessie Corben grantis, Effie Umfray grantis, Jonet Stewart yeid to Spynie dancit thair and in this toune. James Pattoun appointit to be present on Fryday. John Skadkaill and Andrew Thoaw wer on Sondaye in the place of Spynie. It is appointit that the remanent of the danseris be summondit and the pyper.

May 23rd.—Comperit Dauid Murray and being suorne delaitit the personis eftir following to bein dansing on the Communion day at ewin imprimis, viz., Elspet Mawar, Bessie Corben, Effie Umphray, Magy Mowat, Agnes Vilsoun, Christen Fraser. John Robertsoun, cowper, delatis Meg Gadderar, Elspet Brownie and delatit Alexander Andersone, fleschar, as collectour to the pyper. *Lownis.* James Pattoun delatis Johne Skaldkaill and James Thoaw, James Tarres, skynner, William Skynner and his sone, Alexander Grant, tailyeour, William Graye, Robert Torrie, John Sutherland, younger, John Gibsoun, younger, Thome Ga, James Synclar, all playand in the Castel of Spynie the tyme of the sermone befoir none and playand thair at the allay bowallis under the said Castell of Spynie.

May 24th.—Heir followis the excusis pretendit of certane that haid nocht come to the Communion at this tyme :—Margat Forsyth pretendis scho micht nocht wone furth be ressoun scho was stayit be a seik bairne, Jonnet Adam pretendit the lyk and micht nocht cum. Thair ressonis repellit. James Jowall wantis his beleiff, Agnes Petirkin wants hir beleiff, William Mill vants his beleiff. Arthour Pantoun allegit he was nocht tymouslie warnit. Thomas Gadderar micht nocht come for his maiesteis service, James Jonkin allegit the same. Margaret Grig wantis hir beleive. Katherein Wat lyand a childbirth of tuo twynnes, Elspet Rannold allegit the slander of hir housband. Thir tuo last excuisis admittit. Margaret Norrie hes set Alexander Sutherland cautioun that scho sall lerne hir beleiff betuix this and Lambnes nixt wnder the paynis of xx s. and in the meintyme hir bairne to be bapteizit.

May 31st.—Annapill Chalmer accusit of deforcing of the officiar also for halding fast the dur the tyme of searching and for hawing with hir in the hous the tyme of sermoun Elspet and —— Sinclair, dauchters to

Marioun Innes and ane Margaret Craig the said Annapill granted, thairfoir committit to the steipill.

Dancing the day of the Communioun.—Compeirit Elspet Richartsoun confessit dancing on the Communion day bot scho did nocht communicat that day and thairfoir sall mak hir publict repentans ane day thairfoir. Elspet Sinclair confessit bot it was in another toun. Margaret Cokburn confessit. Marioun Cowie confessit. Jonet Stewart confessit bot it was outwith this toun, neyther was it the day of Communion. Nochtwithstanding all to be wairdit quhill evening and pay ilk ane of thame xl d. money. Alexander Anderson, fleschar, confessit his being besyid on the Communion day quhan they dancit and gatherit up the pyperis vages and thairfoir sall pay fyve schillingis or he cume furth of waird.

June 3rd.—*Murdoch, Young, Cok, King.*—James Murdoche in Nether Monbeins pretendis excuis that his stay fra the Communion was be ressoun that another callit James Cok bewitched him and he houpit to get amendis of him. Agnes Smyth pretendit excuis scho ves lyand a childbirth then, admitt. George Young pretendis stryffe betwein him and Thomas Runsiman, James Cok pretendis stryffe betwein him and James Murdoche. Helen Innes was lyand seik of childbirth, admittit. George King was stayit, for he haid nocht maid his repentans at that tyme.

William Dunbar is becum cautioun for Megot Gadderar that scho shall nocht dans on Sabboth dayis during hir being in seruice with him in pane of xs. [So of six others.]

Lern the beleue.—Andrew Gordoun in Elgin is becum cautioun that George Young sall lern his beleiff betuix this and midsommer nixt under the paynis of xxs. and he actit to releif him. [So of six others.]

June 7th.—William Masone to be baneist gif he be found drinkin, absent fra the kirk or playand at the kyllis or injureing the officeris.

June 10th.—*Consciens.*—John Sutherland, Consciens, pretendit excuis the want of his tickat.

June 12th.—Stark beggaris to be removit out of the towne.

June 14th.—*Allan.*—Agnes Allan pretendit excuis of seiknes and wantis hir beleiff. To lern it betuix this and the day fywtein dayis under the paynis of standing in the joiggis.

June 17th.—William Cuming, cordiner, denyit the turning the schiff and scheir [the riddle, or sieve, and the shears, a mode of divination for

the discovery of theft] bot David Duncane, seruitor to David Torrie, Bessie Meldrum and Margaret Tailzeour wer that tym with him.

Schir.—David Schir appointit to remow vndir the paynis of nailing his ear to the Throne and his removing to be within fourty aucht houris.

June 19th.—*The ministeris demand.*—The minister askit the voitis of the eldaris present touching the threatning of him at the auld laird of Earnsydis buriall, gif thei thocht he wes weill usit be the lairdis of Innes and Innermarkye and the gudmane of Coxtoun and thei answerit that he was not weill usit and gif thei wald concur with him to tak his part in trying the offens and assist him be law and justice be his complent to the magistrat and thei ansuerit that thei wald according to ressoun, thir woitis wer gadderit be Thomas Hay, toun clarke.

July 5th.—Hew Falconar of Innerlochtie and Elspet Hay eldest dauchter to Williame Hay of Mayne mareit.

July 6th.—John Dunbar burges of Forres and Margaret Hay second dauchter to Williame Hay of Mayne mareit.

July 8th.—Alexander Cuming in the colleg is bruitit that he lead burne on Sonday last.

July 15th.—Alexander Cuming confessit his man brocht in burne about aucht houris att ewin and thairfoir his man to be censurit of fowrtye pennies.

July 17th.—The elderis for mitigation of the rigor of the act maid anent sclanderis appoyntis Isobell Stewart to pay 40s., and mak hir publict repentans ane Sonday in hir awin place and thaireftir rys and tak the Mr. of the scholl be the hand and he sall rys and ressaue hir and remit hir.

July 19th.—Great fault found with rarenes of the conventioun this daye.

July 24th (Sunday).—Ane proclamation to be maid that thair be na mercat this nycht and that thair go sindry of the nychtbouris up throch the toun and sum throch the towne.

July 30th.—*Vatsone.*—Jonnet Watsone confessit the inbringing of burne on the Sabboth day on a necessitye thairfoir to confes hir offens publictlie in the congregation in hir awin seat.

August 14th.—James Patrik, searchar, deprehendit the tym of sermoun James Pattounes wyff and Elspet Richartsoun selling drink and the dur fastnit on them. Thomas Mill and George Sutherland,

searcharis, found Agnes Alves spous to Andrew Tailyeour doing syndrie in hir awin hous the preching tym. They notit Elspet Winchester contempnar of the word, mair Katherein Bailyie, John Culbakis wyffe and hir sister yeid out of the toun this day. Jonnet Fraser contempnar of the word and thairfoir to be committit to waird. Mair it is concluded that all the elders go the morne throch thair quarteris to get knawledge of the causis of sa mony being away this day; ilk elder to be obleist heirto under the paynis of x s.

August 16th. — Convenit the minister with the landvaird and townis elderis. Johnne Mill, elder of Monbeins, declairis that thair is mony folkis seik as his wyff Margat Hoissak, Agnes Brabner. Alexander Russall declaris that Margaret Schuray is seik, delatis Jonnet Jameson a harlot, William Gadderar contempner of the word. William Russall, elder, declaris that his sonne Dauid is seik, delatis Dauid Allane contempner and his wyffe, Thomas Runsimane and his wyffe, all the duellaris in Bougsyd contempneris of the word and Patrik Mill is seik. Johne Gordoun, elder, delatis all the inhabitantis of Mostowie dishauntaris of the kirk and thair is seik thair John Thayne, Patrik Lay, Andrew Gray. Gilbert Schiphird, elder, delatis the people of Quhitfeild dishantaris of the kirk; seik folks thair Magy Jonkin, Agnes Petirkin, Elspet Gadderar. Anthone Chalmer, elder, delatis mony of the Frosterseat to be dishantaris of the kirk; seik folks thair William Cant, Androw Yownie. Robert Sim, elder, delatis Scottistounhill and Pitgony contempnaris; seik folks thair Margaret Alsoner, Sandie Innes. Thomas Tulloche, elder, delatis John Geddes a contempner of the word; seik folks Margat Muffat, Robert Tulloche. Robert Keyth, elder, delatis baith Blakhillis and Glakmarres ill keiparis of the kirk; seik folks thair John Man, James Broun, Alexander Sandison, Elspet Tailyour. Forther the said Robert delatis the tennentis of Glakmarres to haue left a peice land to the gudmane (deuill) for the noltis caus. Alexander Innes, elder, delatis the haill cottaris of Quhytwray contempnaris of the word; seik folks thair Alexander Stronach, Elspet Andersoun, Elspet Wat, Walter Innes. Johne Annand, elder, delatis the men of the Boug, Lynkwoid, contempnaris of the vord. Johne Fyndlay, elder, delatis the women of Kelles dishantaris of the kirk; seik folkis thair David Patrie, Marioun Donolstoun, Christen Geddes; Scherestoun dishantaris, Barmukattie dishantaris. Item it is appointit

that the landvaird elderis bring in with thame thair parrochioneris on the Sabboth and they to be warnit to that effect.

Alexander Pringill, ane townis elder, giffis the names of the seik within his precinct Sandie Mayne [and five others]. Johne Leslie, a college elder, delatis Christen Winchester a dishaunter of the kirk. George Cuming, colleg elder, sayis that Watt Innes hes tuo bairnes seik. Williame Mill, collectour, sayis and delatis Effie Gadderar, Agnes Alves pleymakeris and aither of thame haid another be the hair. Thomas Mill, townis elder, delatis the Cumingis in the Blakfreir wynd to be gryt banneris and flyttaris and delatis Thomes James and his houshald contempnaris of the word, Jonnet Keir contempnar, John Gadderar contempner. Agnes Rague compleins on William Cuming hir eldest sone and his wyffe for banning of hir and thairfoir instantlie to be wairdit. Johnne Gadderar for wattering his plantis on Sonday in July last to entir on Sattirday at evin to waird and on Sonday nixt mak his repentans. Alexander Pringill tellis that thair is a housfull of seik strainger folk in James Innes in the head of the toun. John Robertsoun, elder, delatis Martha Dunbar and Marioun Smyth contempnaris; seik folkis Androw Kaye, Agnes Fraser, Elspet Robertsoun, Meg Robertsoun.

August 21st.—*The minister inquirit.*—The minister inquirit gif all the landvard elderis haid searchit thair quarteris conforme to the ordour prescryvit and gif they bad thair peopill convein with thame and come in this Sonday and all the remanent Sondayis during the harvest to heir the word baith befoir and eftirnoone, thai ansuerit yea. Alexander Russall, elder, delatis William Johnestoun in Auchtertyir to haue bein leadand cornis out of Innerlochtie to Bougsyid on Sondaye and thairfoir to be chairgit to compeir on Tuyisday. Siclyk the minister requestit and besoucht the elderis to be ringleadaris of the people to keip the Sondayis in heiring the word.

August 26th.—*Alves.*—Agnes Alues accusit for mesouring of claith on Sonday the tym of sermoun and thairfoir deseruis discipline yit nocht the les upoun houpe of forbeiring the lyk scho is ouer luikit at this tyme and admoneisched of hir dewtie.

August 28th.—*Baptisme to Gordoun.*—Compeirit ane boy callit Gordoun, sone to Androw Gordoun in this toun, quho declarit that he laickit yit the benefit of the sacrament of baptisme and thairfoir

ernestlie requestit to caus the same spirituall seall be ministred unto him seing that he beleued to be saued throche the blude of the sauiour and mediatour Chryst Jesus and haid perquer and wald confes the soum of the Christiane faith quhilk he did and thairfoir and inrespect thairof causit Robert Leslie, minister at Birney, to bapteis him instantlie at thair dissoluing quho ves bapteizit Johnne.

Comperit Johne Grant off Carren in presens of Mr. Alex^r. Douglas James Patrie and Robert Sutherland bailyeis William Douglas [and seven others] and thair contempteouslie refusit to sueir to subscryve and communicat bot said he vas bettir resoluit nor any minister in Scotland.

September 4th.—Helen Leslie and Helen Hay, for deforcing the officiar, to be poindit and wairdit.

John Cokburn reprovit for halding the Bischopmiln grindand on the Sabboth dayis ansuerit that he did no utherwayis then nychtbouris did.

Tarres.—William Tarres forbiddin to custome the doing of business on the Sabboth.

September 9th.—*Searcharis.*—Becaus my Lord Fyvie, president of Scotland, provest of this burgh, is to be present on Sonday, thairfoir the searcharis to be the mair tymous and dilligent and to that purpois Thomas Mill, William Torrie, John Robertsoun to avait on the vest part and James Leslie, John Bonyman and Alexander Innes for the eist to convein at aucht houris in the mornyng.

September 11th. — *Alues.* — The searcharis declairit that George Brodeis wyff deforcit and that they apprehendit John a Consciens passing throch the calsaye with thrie scheip skynnis. Further Margat Scheues, spous to William Cuming, dishanter of the kirk. Androw Edie was fra the kirk the last bell. Agnes Alues haid dyvers drinkand in the hous at the last bell.

September 13th.—Christen Forbes inhibit to lat any folkis remane in the hous to drink quhen scho is in the kirk. James Cuming bittirlie spokin for being out of the kirk on Sonday and for nocht lerning the articles of the crede.

September 16th.—*Hay.*—The elderschipe comandis to charge Agnes Alues to waird for breking of arreistment. Siclyk Helen Hay for injureing the officiar and deforcing Alexander Mill, officiar, and for hir contumacie sall pay halff merk and gif scho dois the lyk sall mak hir publict repentans and pay 40s.

September 20th.—*Hay.*—Helen Hay confessing a new iniurie done to the officiar and for hir. unreuerent behauiour to the juges is ordanit to be wairdit.

September 23rd.—Helen Hay to mak hir publict repentans on the commoun pillar on Sonday nixt.

September 25th.—Apprehendit be the searcharis fra the kirk this day Robe Browne, Androw Edie, Sandie Leang his wyff, Thomas Clarkis wyff, Thomas Richartsoun deforcit, Mariorie Peirson deforcit, and Agnes Gauld blasphemit the officiar and thairfoir to be summondit euerie ane of thame to Tuysday nixt.

September 27th.—Agnes Gauld, Vallace, spous to Thomas Clark, Mariorie Peirsoun all committit to waird till they pay ij s., and Mariorie Peirsoun xl d. Item Andro Edie and Browneis to be committit to waird.

September 29th.—Androw Eadie being diuers tymes away fra the kirk to pay half mark.

October 2nd.—Thomas Gilzean in Monachtie and Issbell Gibsoun laufull dauchter of umquhile Williame Gibsoun of Sherefmylne ratefeit promeis of mariage.

October 7th.—*Ministeris exhortatioun.*—The minister fand great fault with the officiaris becaus of their gryt negligens in the caus of God and thairfoir exhortit the bailleis and the saidis officiaris to hald bettir hand to the wark of God.

October 11th.—*Persons ar vairdit for being fra the kirk.*—Absents fra the kirk on Sonday last wairdit—Malle Johnstoun [and ten others, men and women].

Newlandis, so callit, led corne in harvest on the Sabboth daye. Robert Fyndlay in Petgony and Elspet Fyndlay, scheraris of corne, Effie Gray gleaning corne, Margit Forsyth schuir corne.

October 21st. — James Kaye confessit his fault in reproching the elderis and hes socht mercie and neuir to commit the lyk.

October 23rd.—The womane that is in George Annandis hous to be summond. Elspet Robertsoun for hyiding hir wnder the caldroun to pay iiij s.

October 25th. — *Mill.* — Elspet Mill in Innerlochtie confessis the scheiring of four scheavis on a Sonday in harvest and thairfoir to be wairdit untill scho set cautioun to compeir on Fryday nixt.

October 28th.—It is aggreit that the landward elderis continew in thair office this yeir as they did fairneyeir. [Four elders for each of the four quarters of the burgh, also four deacons in all.]

November 1st.—*King.*—George King denyit any scheiring on the Sabboth day. —— Henrie denyit except of ane scheave quhilk is referrit to be tryit be John Gordoun.

November 4th.—All maisteris of famileis to keip the Tuysdayis preaching under the pain of halff mairk.

November 15th.—Jonnet Winchester for awaybyding fra the kirk to pay xii d., the nixt fault to be xl d.

November 18th.—Agnes Anderson for being absent fra the kirk to pay xl d. The second fault doubled.

The catecheis to begin on Mononday nixt with the haill lichts and the haill folkis of the toun to be varnit to heir.

November 20th.—The horneris wyiff [and eleven others, mostly women] apprehendit fra the kirk.

November 22nd.—Walter Innes admoneished to haunt and repair to the kirk oftener then he wes wount to do, and so wes Helene Andersoun spous to John Culbak.

Jonnet Cuik, spous to James Cowie, for selling drink the tyme of the Sondayis sermone committit to waird.

November 29th.—*Ministeris regrat.*—The minister accusit the contempt of the worde and the negligens of the officiaris and regratit the mater heavilie and thairfoir desyrit the bailyeis to puneis the officiaris conforme to the act maid anent thair puneischment in sic caces.

December 2nd.—It is thocht expedient that the catecheising begyne at Lossie Wynd on Mononday nixt and thir tway nychtis preceiding be occupeit in reiding of the catecheis to the haill peopill.

December 3rd.—The hers to be houng the morne and the haill elderis to be present with thair quarteris to heir and lerne the cathecheis.

December 11th.—This day a catholog of the candill was maid.

December 13th.—John Cowie, sone to Anthone Cowie, armorar in Elgin, and Mariorie Yvell ratefeit a promeis of mariage.

The act anent the Channonrie kirk, anent guysing, dansing and wther vaniteis and misreulis to be intimat on Satirday nixt.

Jonnet Hendirsoun the lang maiden to be remouit furth out of this toune becaus scho is delatit a commoun harlot.

December 18th.—The searcharis apprehendit Androw Donalsoun, cordiner, lastand schone and twa women in William Innes, cordineris hous the tyme of sermone.

Beggaris.—It is appointit that strong beggaris be commandit to remove be the sound of the hand bell and that all the townis folkis be inhibit to giff them ludging.

December 23rd.—*Scollaris.*—Licence grantit to the schollaris for to playe aucht dayis and ilk day anis to be in the schoill, nocht to haunt the chandrie kirkyeard nor the kirk thairoff nor watteris nor hiegait and thaireftir to continew uther aucht dayis.

Penult December.—*Duff.*—Alexander Duff, seruand, accusit *inter alia* of being furth of his maisteris house that nycht of the great wynd. He allegit he was lyand seik in his fatheris hous that nycht.

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January 1st. — *Vinchister.* — Tyberius Winchester accusit for transgressing the actis maid for keiping of a Christiane and decent ordour about the tymes obseruit be sum superstitiouslie and prophanelie for having a bedcod on his heid and ryding thairwith throuche the toun on the tuentie sext day last bypast of December quhilk the said Tyberius confessit, also for uttering uncomlie speaches the nycht the minister catecheized.

January 3rd.—Jonet Wulsoun and Meg Gadderar accusit for dancing on Sonday last befoir the Shereffis yet. William Pattoun delatit to haue been singand hagmonayis on Satirday and thairfoir to be summonit to Fryday nixt.

January 8th. — *Vynchister.* — It is ordanit that Tyberius Winchester sall paye fyve pundis money *ad pios vsus* for his misreulines and contravening the act for inhibiting of guysing through the toun seing he confessit the having of a cod on his head through the toune.

January 10th. — *Murray.* — Thair yeid furth this daye the tyme of preaching Christen Forbes, Jonnet Nicoll, Marioun Murray, Helene Hay, all to be summonit.

Pan.—Jonnet Smyth confessit the ringing of a pan with the knewill of a hairie raip. The said Jonnet deponit that scho hard another bevest

hir ringand a girdell; for this caus all the folkis thairabout to be warnit to Fryday. Marjorie James sayis that scho hard Willie Gadderar sone to Alexander Gadderar say that he knew quho it was that wes ringand a chandler that nycht.

January 13th.—Ordanis the women that yeid furth of the kirk to be poyndit.

Donaldson.—James Donalsoun admoneished nocht to remoue furth of the kirk quhill the ending of the sermone and geving of the blissing, as also that the said James oppin nocht his buith dur on the Sabboth day.

Memorandum to luik out the Act for ringing of chandlers, pannis, etc.

Sacrament.—The catecheis on the Lordis Supper to begyn on Tuysday nixt and Sonday come a fyveten dayis to be the first day of the Communion and Monondaye come aucht dayis to examyn the landvard folkis.

January 15th.—The searcharis apprehendit dyvers personis lyand in thair bed the tyme of sermone, viz. Marjorie Leslie, Alexander Smyth, Marjorie Cowie. Jean Jhonne, Sowter Barrowmane perturbit the kirk the samyn tyme. Williame Leang, William Dunbarris wyiff awaye fra the kirk, Jhone Jamesone having folkis in his hous, Jhone Mowis womane vagand.

It is appointit be the elderschipe that thair be dyvers catecheisis of the Lords Supper put into wret and delyverit to the honest men of the toun.

January 17th.—*Cowy.*—Marjorie Cowie committit to vaird for hir misbehauiour being vagand on the Lords daye and also being without a maister in the middis of the yeir betweyne termes and having no certane duelling place. Elspet Haye and Margaret Richartsoune to pay 3s. 4d. ilk ane of thame for removing furth of the kirk.

January 20th.—*The hail tounes folkis.*—Convenit the minister and elders and dyvers other honest men of the toune, viz., Thomas Hay, clerk, George Vauis [and 33 others]. It is votit and concludit be the Assemblie that thair be a day of solempne humiliatioun and fasting keipit on Sonday nixt becaus it is a preparation to the celebration of the Communion quhilk is to be done on Sonday thaireftir, to be proclamit the morne be sound of the hand bell and to intime lykwayis be sound thairof that Tuyisdaye nixt and Saterday thaireftir be obseruit as tuo dayis of humiliation and doctrein to be on baith theis dayis befoir

and efternone and no publiet serueill vark to be wrocht thereon and that this ordour be obseruit thir thrie nixt weekis as preparationis immediatlie preceiding the Sacrament. It is thocht gude that the haill honest folkis communicat the nixt Sonday eftir the first preparation Sabboth as also that the mornyng sermons begyne at sex houris and the evenyng sermons at fyve houris and the personis awaybydaris fra the sermonis sall mak thair publict repentans and publict labouraris sall pay fywe pundis and for the better preparation that thair preceid a tymous reconciliation quhair ever any elestis ar. [The minister offers to refer any elest he is concerned in to the Council as judges and so does James Douglas of Cauldhame.] The haill assemblie concludes that all the inhabitantis of this burgh submit their elestis to the Consall and Session. It is concludit that the minister proceid aganis the persons contempnaris of the sacrament with the censures of the kirk to the extremitie. The sacrament to be on three Sondayes.

January 27th.—The tokynnis to be gevin this nycht and the morne.

January 28th. — All the elderis to await on the table. Johne Robertsone to await on the elementis of the wine and bread and to keip a just reckonyng thairoff.

January 29th.—On Tuysdaye onlie ane sermon and tuo sermones with abstinence on Satirday.

January 31st. — Absentis that keipit thair buithis the tyme of preaching: — George Vauis, James Rutherfuird, Alexander Russall, Marjorie Dunbar for bringing in burne to brew, Williame Stalker for mukking and being fra the kirk, William Hay, baxter, for laubouring on Satirday, James Cowye for working with his hors, James Kay for passing furth of the kirk, Skaidkaill for passing furth, James Donalsonis wyiff for the same.

February 3rd. — That nane remane in the kirk eftir the mornyng prayeris bot to remove that the tokynes may be delyverit. Searcharis the morne—Mr. James Gardin [and four others].

February 5th. — It is ordanit to be notit that the auld Ladye and young Ladie of Grant communicated this day awcht dayis. This daye the Laird Grant communicat and the guidwyff of Achanachie did communicat and the Ladie Dunbeith. Intimation of excommunication of non-communicants done this daye out of the pulpit.

February 7th.—Satirdaye to be keipit a day of fast all the daye.

February 10th.—The morne to be keipit as a fastand day and all publict warkis to ceis.

February 11th.—*Generall Act.*—Memorandum that it is ordanit the partie breaker of the promeis of mariag sall mak publict repentance for deluding the kirk.

February 12th.—The young gudmane of Achannachie, auld Dunbeith, Henre Sinclair his sone communicat this daye.

February 14th.—The minister desyris the magistrattis to hald hand to the Tuisdayis preaching. The stranger puirfolk to be removit be the sound off the hand bell and the townis puir to hald them owt.

February 17th.—Tuentie merkis to be distributit to the puir be owir sicht off Johne Leslie and Thomas Mill younger.

February 24th. — Sondaye eftirnone to speik anent the Tuisdayis preaching.

February 28th.—*Cadgearis.*—The bailleis and elderis to travell with the cadgearis quhat howris thai will keipe and that they bring nocht in thair fische befoir the sermoun on Tuysday nor sell quhill it be endit. The masteris of housis and sick utheris as is not earnestlie occupeit and the warkis to be poyndit for byding awaye fra the Tuysdayis preaching and specialie that ewine the principall of the towne be poyndit as they be found refractor. The minister to keip the glass and no farder on the Tuisdayis preaching. Cristane Forbes, Isobel Mowat for bringing burne on Sondaye to pay 6s. 8d. ilk ane.

March 2nd. — Elspet Haye to pay 40d. for bringing in burne on Sonday last.

March 6th. — *Mortimer with the elderis.* — It is agreit betuix the minister and elderis on the ane part and William Mortimer glasinwrycht on the uther part for uphalding of the kirk vindois in glass and lead yeirlie sufficientlie that he sall haiwe fouir libs. money at tua termis in the yeir Witsondaye and Mertimes in winter of all hurtis and elestis and giff anie bodie brekis them to be puneist be the law eftir tryall befoir the magistrattis, the Sessioun fynding lyme and bandis.

March 11th.—That day Mr. Jhone Innes efter Robert Lesley rais set him selff under the pulpeit and pressit till haiff preachit and begane the prayer till he was stayit quhilk presumptione referris to the presbitrie.

Jhone Cogiell foir clatering on the Sabbothe daye was poyndit.

March 16th. — Jhone Mowis wyff to be poyndit foir dissobedience and selling aill on Sondaye. Jhone Russell foir laboring on Sonday to be warnit.

March 18th.—James Young delatit Jhone Innes, servitour to George Duncane, Patrik Andirsone, servitour to Widow Gordone, to be lowpand dyikis the tyme of the eftirnoins sermone, quha ar ordanit till be summondit till Tuisday. William Innes delatit young Symone smyth, quho haid the dur steikit.

March 20th. — James Innes buith dur to be reastit and him self wairdit.

March 25th.—Clattering the tyme of the preaching—Patrik Guthrie [and others]. Robert Mawaris wyff [and others] went furth of the kirk.

That day the secund admonition wes giffin be Mr. Alexander Dowglas to Mr. Johne Innes to desist and ceas fra usurping any part of the ministrye under the pane of excommunication.

April 1st.—The third and last admonition giffin to Mr. Johne Innes.

April 15th.—Delatit Robert Torrie, Alexander Urquhart, Arthour Urquhart playing in the Marques of Huntleis hous, James Duff, servitour to Donald Irving, the tym of the eftir nownes sermone at the clekken.

April 17th.—Ordanis the boyis playand in my Lord Huntleis hous to be wairdit.

April 30th.—Delatit Christen Russell sittand in the Chanrie kirk.

May 4th. — *Vinchister.* — Janet Winchester is inhibit to hant the Chanrie kirk in praying, and in the meantym hes sworne solempnatlie that scho sall not injure John Leslie be witchcraft, directlie nor indirectlie. Robert Keyth is caution that scho sall not praye in the Channonrie kirk nor pray malesounes to John Leslie nor to anye uther wnder the paynes of —— and sitting in sacclaithe.

May 8th.—The elderis fand greit falt with rarenes of the people at the sermone.

May 18th.—It is woitit be the Sessione that the wapinschaw and landimarchis stay till another convenient, first, becaus of the pest, secundlie, becaus of the beirseid, thirdlie, for the abuises thei haue present, and the elderis to keip the sessione.

May 25th. — Compeirit Georg Annand and grantit that thair wapinschawing sall ceis untill the tym that the Sessione thocht expedient

to returne to the landimairis as they se occasioun. The bailyeis to speik the headis of craftis to stay fra this prophaine pastyme in respect of the estait of this present tym of the fame and rumour of the pest, and all the honest men of the towne to be present at the evenyng prayeris.

May 28th.—Margat Yowngsone deponis that scho hard Helen Haye saye to Thomas Robertsone theiffie, theiffie.

May 31st. — Burnet, a woman of Aberdeen, to be warnit againe Fryday nixt to ken quhairfra scho cam. Andro Adamesone inhibit to hant my Lord Huntleis yeard the tyme of the sermone.

June 1st.—Sic persones as removis out of onie uther paroche to this paroche sall bring a testimonyall of the minister of that paroche quhairfra thei com, undir the paynes of excommunication and a pecuniall penaltie. The yowthe inhibit to keip forward thair May playis.

June 11th.—*Vulsone.*—George Duncane sleipand in his buith at eftir nowne. Williame Wilsone and his wyff yeid furth eftir none and brocht hame burdingis. John Culbakis cart full of pottis and James Donaldsone another cart. Charlie Thornetowne [and three others] at the port bowlis eftir and befor nowne.

June 13th. — *Cariage on the Sabboth.* — Sic personis as transportis thair geir on Sondaye sall pay a pecuniall pennaltie efter the habilitie of the persone for the first and gif found relaps to double and mak publict repentance.

June 17th. — Delaitted Alexander Cruschank with the folkis of Barmukattie and aucht hors with cartis going throw the colledg to the Deanis carrag.

The minister intimit to the bailyeis that thei apprehend John Grantt of Carrone, excommunicat, utherwayis he will complein to the Lords of Counsell upon them gif thai suffer him to com within this burgh and be resaitt in loudging with anye inwith the samyn.

June 19th.—Isbell Cumyng admonishit undir the paynes of excommunication nocht to ressaw John Grantt of Carron in to ludging.

Williame Innes delaited ane Cowie singand on the calsay on Sonday last at iwining. Effie Cowie denyit that scho knew nocht quho was singand under John Geddes stair.

Williame Skynner to mak his publict repentance ane Sonday and pay half mark to the puir for bein drunkin on the Sabbothe day.

June 21st.—Delyverit to Williame Gadderar ane chapine oilie and crease to the new bell.

June 26th.—Williame Skaidkell for being fra the kirk on Sonday afoirnowne ordenit to be wairdit.

June 29th.—William Innes declairis that thair is thrie stranger women com into thai pairtis, ane of them into Dauid Donaldsones hows callit Jonet Mackie.

Culback: Pedder: Donaldsone.—John Culbak inhibit to trawell on the Sabbothe daye heireftir. William Pedder actit wndir the payne of 20s. to keip the kirk. James Donaldsone inhibit to travell on the Sabbothe day in anye tyme heireiftir in the paine of twantie schilling, and conforme to the actis maid thairanent, quhilk is publict repentance.

July 1st.—*Patrie.*—Thomas Haye declairit that the boy Patrie offendis his mother.

Alexander Cumyng apprehendit at his awin buith gawill, and William Pattone in the Channonrie kirk apprehendit be Mr. James Gairdin.

July 10th—Elspet Cant and Gelis Gray maid thair fayth that thei sould nocht hurt another be witchcraft.

July 13th.—*Cant.*—Compeirit Georg Rob and said that Elspet Cantt said that scho suld gar him forthink that he keist a staine at hir calff and thairefter he contracted greatt seiknes and in the meantym declairit that all the nychbouris knew that monie of all the headis of his corne war knott togidder and eftir that he fand his corne all bound togidder and growne blak and that he geid to the Laird of Kelless his maister and tawld him and causit him sie that all his cornes war grown blak lyk young geis. James Rob compeirit and declairit that Androw Patreis kow reviued was anes dead and eftir that Elspet Cantt hir aithe was taken the kow reviwed and the saidis James and Georg declairis that scho is iwill bruited of a witchcraft; mair, they depone that thei hard hir say scho promeisit to them all ane iwill turne.

July 15th.—Searcharis in the west, Alexander Pringill, Alexander Leang, apprehendit John Duncane pulling headis eftir the last bell at eftirnowne; John Froster dang his wyff eftir nowne behind the last bell. John Bonnyman, Alexander Innes searcharis eist apprehendit in Arche Grayis buyth eftir the last bell Symsone putting on his claithis.

July 22nd.—Thomas Donaldsone to be summondit for steiking of his dur and not opinyng of it, John Auld drunkine, Nicolas Urwallis mane refuissis to cum to the kirk.

July 27th.—It is appointed that all the elderis admoneishe thair quarteris to keip the Sabbothe daye wnder the paine of 20s., also the elderis to admonishe thair slawnes to keep the prayeris and preaching and to admonish all perroches to keip the wek dayis prayeris.

July 29th.—The searcharis fand Georg Brodeis wyff sealling eall and wyne, Alexander Stewart patt a woman out at the back yett, Jonet Yewnye and John Russell handling bowis off lintt, Jhone Auld sleipand in the back hous.

August 3rd. — John Gordon, Mostowie, delaitit his people iwill keiperis of the kirk. Gilbert Shipherd, elder, declairit Quheitfeild and Litle Innerlochtie iwill keiparis of the kirk.

August 12th.—William Mill, Nicolas Watsone searcharis fand in John Gadderaris hous some drinkand, in Gillandris hous alsmonye, in Robert Brownes hous alsmonye; fra the kirk William Wulsone, cordinar, and his wyff, Margat Gadderar, spous to James Dunbar, George Brodeis man with cart and hors; yeard brekeris — James Muirisone in Sir Williames yeard; in my Lord Huntleis yeard Isbell Cokburne, Marjorie Winchister, Jonet Duncanis dochter callit Cowie, Mage Brander, William Tarres, skynner; Isbel Cumyngs man in hir awine treis; James Yvel, Patrik Gairdin in the back yeardis.

August 14th.—*Schand.*—Robert Schand sall set cautione that the mylne of Linkwoid sall nocht gang on Sondayes.

August 17th. — Mr John Merschell is become cautioun for Isbell Cokburne that scho sall nocht be found passing tyme in yairdis on the Sabboth, tyme of sermone under the paynes of xl s.

August 19th. — Searcharis, William Young, John Geddes, Robert Sutherland, William Innes, fand in Thomas Wattis yeard Sandie Kaye, Thomas Wattis, Janet Air careing drink; Alexander Dowglas and William Haye in the Shereffis yeard, Alexander Dunbar, James Dunbar and his wyff; John Frosteris wyff gathering kaill, another with hir; in my Lord Huntlies yeard Duchman [and others]; Litle Patrie and Mr. Henrisone with sextein at the kyillis playing in the Channonrie kirkyeard.

August 21st. — *Ministeris protestatioun.* — Williame Dawsone hes promeisit to stay his mylne ongrownd euerie Sabbothe daye. All the

myllis to ceis within the paroch and myllaris to be warnit to Fryday. The minister protestit that quhat actis ar maid againes the millars of millis salbe putt to executione againes the brekaris thairoff and speciallie againes James Mill at the Walkmylne of Barmukattie quho this day confessit the breking thairoff.

August 24th.—Girsall Innes sayis that scho bocht the gray clayth that hir coat is maid of fra Patrik Forsyth and scho gaiff xiiij s. for the elne and thair is bot twa elne in the coat.

August 26th.—*Young ca. Mill: Gordone ca. Insche.*—The visitors at the eist persauit that William Dawsones mill wes gangand this day at sewin houres. James Young is become cautioun for James Mill at the Milne of Linkwoid that the milne callit the Walkmilne of Barmukattie sall nocht gang fra midnicht to midnicht on Sondaye under the paynis of ten merkis. Johne Gordoune in Mostowie is become cautioner for Alexander Insche for his walkmyll in Lytill Innerlochtie under the paynis of ten merkis.

August 28th.—*Gardine ca. Dawson.*—Mr. James Gairdin is cautioun for William Dawsone that his mill sall nocht gang wndir the paynes of ten merkis. The minister promeisit [protestit] that gif any millar transgressit the actis of cautionarie they sould be compellit to satisfie the actis and thame selues arreisted quhill thai mak restitutioun of the multeris of uther milles ressait be thame.

John Fleming [and four others] delaitit to be nycht walkeris and castaris of cloadis under the nycht.

August 30th.—*Dunbar ca. Mill.*—Patrik Myll in Bougsyid hes set James Dunbar cautioun that the myll of Bougsyid sall nocht gang on Sondayes and the said Patrik hes promesit to send in his millar on Tuysday nixt to be censurit. Johne Robertsoun is becum cautioun for Thomas Corsour, myllar at Mosstowy, that the said milne sall not gang on Sondayes.

September 2nd.—Visitors at the wast, Thomas Hay, George Sutherland, delatit Young Hay playand at the dyce.

Mill ca. Hepburn.—James Myll is becume cautioun for Thomas Hepburne and his man Nicoll Murdoch that the milne of Innerlochtie sall not gang on Sondayes.

September 7th.—William Leslie is become caution for John Leslie that the milne of Quhytwraye sall nocht gang on the Sabboth dayes.

September 9th.—*Absentes.*—Thomas Andersone and his wyff baith before nowne and eftirnowne, George Stronah and his wyff quha haid also a pyper in his hous the tyme of the sermone, James Murisone haid tuelf personis in his hous drinkand the tyme of the sermoun, Gilbert Norrie cam eftir he was poindit.

September 11th.—Thrie boyis for nycht walking committit to waird to remane till ewin.

September 18th.—*Gordoun: Innes.*—Katherein Gordoun purgit hir on hir gryt aith that she haid neuir done any hurt to Robert Innes, his wyff or his bairnis by witchcraft nether can scho nor will scho do him or ony utheris hurt eftir that forme, lyik as the said Robert maid his solempne and gryt ayth that he haid nocht nor wald nocht harme hir or ony uther thairby and so they mutuallie maid thair purgationis ane to another in face of the Sessioune.

September 21st.—The searcharis to be on Sonday ar these—East ouer, James Leslie, Tyberius Winchester; west ouer, George Sutherland, James Donaldsone.

September 23rd.—Visitoris at the west delate Margat Scherar for banning of the officiar. Visitoris at the eist, Maister James Gairdin, Tyberius Winchester, delate Isobell Dollas byding at home, George Yewnyes wyiff, Thomas Airis wyffe, Wm. Fyndlayis wyiff, Isbell Torrie and hir mother sister, David Ga, Thomas Lesleis wyiff, Agnes Litill, John Patrick, all thais wer absent at efternowne.

September 25th.—Patrik Cuik for disobediens to our citation sall pay xl d. and for being two Sondayes away fra the kirk, Margaret Scherir committed to waird for contempning the officiaris and for awaybyiding fra the kirk, Alexander Rioche to pay xl d. for tuilyeing of puir stranger folk and having thame drinkand in his hous the tyme of the sermone, Isobell Dollas, a prophaner of the Sabboth, sall pay ii s. or els to waird tuo days in the tolboothe.

September 28th.—Thomas Awis vyfe committit to waird till scho set cautioun to keip the Sondayes sermounes and for byganes to remane in the kirk till tuo houris eftirnone. Issobell Torrie commanded to keip the tyme of sermounes.

September 30th.—Jhone Gais sonnes at the futball, Patrik Andersone at the futball in Robert Sutherlandis yaird.

October 2nd.—The cutlaris dauchter to be heir on Fryday nixt.

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October 5th. — *Cuming.* — James Cuming appointed to keip the evening prayeris till he learne his beleive. Margaret Thomesone for being oftymes away fra the kirk is committed to waird.

A fast appointed to be obseruit the tuay last Sondayes of this moneth and baith the weekis immediatlie following the Sabbothes and the catecheis upoune the last pairt of creid to begine thairefter to be catecheised ilk nycht.

October 7th.—Searcharis, Thomas Hay, James Andersone, fand William Jamesone in his hous, Johnestounes dauchteris playand wort in the Chancellaris hous, William Tarres, younger, in his fatheris hous with some wtheris thair drinkand, Jhone Straquhane selling drink at efternowne, David Angous thair, Androw Donalsone thair with thame, William Skynnar and his mother at hame, Agnes Kay in James Cowyes hous, William Davisone his tuo sonnes passing thair tyme, Jonnet Smyth gangand to the well afoirnowne; and the officiaris hes poindit of thame all.

October 9th.—*Tarres: Kay.*—William Tarres, younger, to pay ij s. for being fra the kirk and for his ill wordis to stand till the evenyng prayeris in the tolbuith. Agnes Kay to pay ij s. and gif euir scho beis absent without lauchfull excuis to pay 20s. Williame Davisones tuo boyes committit to waird.

Vmfray.—Thomas Umfraye for leading corne on the Sabboth day wes aucht dayis sall mak his publict repentans thairfoir on Sonday nixt.

Intimatioun.—It is appointed and ordaned that the actis quhilk wes maid of a lang tyme bygane anent inhibitioun of any pastymes making on the Sabboth be publictlie intimat furth of the pulpit that nane pretend ignorance thairof.

Gairdin. — Maister James Gairdin declairit that thair wer certane elderis at the golf playand on Sonday last quha haid promeisit amendment.

William Ysone, skynner, aquavitie man in this burgh, and Janet Stewart, laufull dauchter of wmquhile Jhone Stewart, walkster, ratefeit promeis of mariage.

October 12th.—Margaret Jhonestoune inhibit to brew or work on the Sabboth day under the paynes of making hir publict repentans.

October 14th.—Visitors at the west delatit William Mill, servitor to William Leslie, to be bringing in daillis.

October 21st.—Castaris of stanis in the queir: Michaell Young, Thomas Scherar, Alexander Henrie in Mostowie, Henrie Rag thair, Paul the tailyeour kuist stanes at Andrew Smyth being bairheadit.

October 23rd.—The persounes that maid misreull to be wairded.

Candill.—It is appointed that ane plak candill be provydit ilk nycht to the evening prayeris and to begyne with the same this nycht.

Catecheis.—The catecheis on the creide to be gewine to the fouir bailleis and to euerie ane of them ane.

October 28th.—The landward elderis to convein with the townis elderis ilk xv dayes and ilk xv dayes to visie thair parroches and to repoirt.

November 13th.—*Candiles to the heres.*—The candiles to be prowydit to the heres conforme to the last ordour.

November 25th.—The searcharis delait William Irving, Sandie Sinclar, Jhone Gawis sone with xxx uther litle anes as Arthour Urquhard and Gauldis sone playand in the Channonrie kirkyaird, Jhone Mowis man bringing in stray the tyme of sermoun afoirnowne.

Ysone. — Touching the cognosching the testimonialls reportit be William Ysoun, ane Cathnes man, quho hes remanit in this toun using his lauchfull trade in making of aquavitie and vsing the skynner crauft, the elderis referris the cognoshing thairof to the Laird of Dunbeath, and to Richard Sinclar his sone and to samonye of the elderis as ar not heir present.

December 7th.—Comperit Jhone Mow quha declairit that the stray quhilk his man brocht in on Sonday wes nocht be his command nor with his knawlege.

The elderis ordanis intimatioun to be maid furth of the pulpit that thair be no pastymes nor conventiounes usit in the Channonrie kirk nor yaird thairof under the paynes of the actis maid thairanent.

December 11th.—The elderis ordanis sick persounes as wer absent on Sonday to be wairdit howsone thai can be apprehendit.

December 18th.—*Schollaris.*—The bailyies and elderis present hes grantit to the bairnes of the Grammer and Sang Schooles libertie to play till the thretteint day of the vacance provyding that the ordour be obseruit conforme to the actis set doun be the counsall and sessioun thairanent maid of dyvers yeiris befoir and that the maister convein thame anis a day for ordour takking in all thingis.

Androw Smyth delatis Agnes Gibsone dancing in the Channonrie kirk contrar to the intimation and ordinance.

Comperit Thomas Scherar and declarit that he met with Robe Torrie under the nicht and a suord in his hand quhilk he tuik fra him becaus he persauit him of mynd to persew Sandie Williamesone thairwith and thairfoir the Sessionaris ordanis all thrie to be present on Fryday.

December 25th.—The haist to convoy my Lord Lovat and the tyme of preaching being of sic a space ordanis onlie for the present that the bailyeis go visie the kirkyaird of the Channonrie.

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January 18th.—Johne Culbak saw Alexander Anderson playing at the futball in the Chanonrie kirkyaird in the forbidden tymes. Androw Smyth confessit playand at the futball thair. James Leslie delatit William Young, Alex^{r}. Grant, tailyeour, William Fraser [and four others] playand thair at the said tyme.

January 22nd.—Efter the evening prayers convenit the minister [and eight elders].

John Pedder confessit his being in the Chanonrie kirkyaird at the tymes forbiddin and said that Williame Gray wes dansand the 26 day of Decr. 1604 at nycht, and that Alexander Gordoun of Corridoun, James Rutherfuird and Williame Gordoun wes playand in the kirkyaird and that he saw thame ganging throche the toun with a pyper that nycht. Jhone Robertsone vobster confessit his playand at the futball and delatit the pyper Gibbie Corskie and Jollie John a fidler, and that he saw James Thomesone, Johne Skynner at the nycht dansing. [Last entry of this volume.]

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[At the end of the second volume of the Session Records are two pages of baptismal entries of the year 1600, also some entries of deaths from 1600 to 1603.]

1613.

[One leaf at least is wanting at the beginning of this volume, for the first full minute begins:—"xxi March 1613.—Convenit the Bischop and elderis," and is preceded by the end of another minute. On outside cover of Minute Book is this note, in a late eighteenth century hand: "Vol. III. This Volum contains the proceedings in Session from March 1613 to July 1622 under the ministry of Mr. Alexr. Douglas, who was minister of Elgin from the year 1584, and was made Bishop of Murray 1606, but not consecrated till 1610, and of Mr. David Philp, who was admitted minister at Elgin in April 1613. *N.B.*—The proceedings from 1605 to 1613 are wanting".]

March 23rd. — It is ordenit and apointit that the second Sonday efter Pasche nixt the Communion salbe celebrat and the Sonday immediatly befor to be a day of publict fast.

March 25th.—Convenit Mr. Dauid Philp, Mr. John Douglas, William Innes, Alexander Innes, Mr. James Gardin, James Petrie.

Ane bill of sklander giffin in be Cristane Lyone aganis Elspet Edmound, quhilk was provin be witnesses quha deponit that Elspet callit hir theiffis geit, and that hir father was borrowit from the widdie, and callit hir lykwayis harlot.

April 11th. — Intimation made from the pulpeit that the toun and parosh prepair themselffis to communicat wnder the panes contenit in the Act of Parliament. Collected 46s.

April 13th.—Collected 16s.

April 16th. — *Communioun.* — Ordenis to dischairge laboring on Setterday efternoyne nixt befor the Communion, to adverteis the people quhan the bells sall ring, item that na tounes folk sell meit or drink fra xii houres furthe wnder the pain of v lib. on Setterday.

April 17th.—*Cummunion.*—Convenit the Bischop and elders ordening that nan cum in bot takins. The first bell to ring at half hour to three in the morning, the seruands for the maist part to cum in the morning. Item for receaving the takins and keiping of the west dor, James Rutherfuird and Mr. James Gardyne in the morning; at the east dor Johne Robertsone and William Innes at the east in the morning; Robert Innes and Johne Bonnyman at ten houris at the west, Mr. Johne Douglas and James Douglas at the east.

April 18th. — Collected £7 19s. Ordenis Patrick Gibsone and George Annand to be summondit again Tuysday nixt for nocht communicating.

April 20th.—Collected 8s. Comperit Patrick Gibsone and satisfeit the elders with his answer and promisit to communicat the nixt Sonday.

April 25th. — Convenit the Bischop and elders being ane day of Communion. Collected be the provest £6 11s 2d.

April 27th. — *Culback.* — The sessioun with consent of provest and bailyeis ordenis Johne Culbak to be depryuit of his fredome and libertie of the toun for resetting of Alexander Hardie ane excommunicat persone aganes the tounis and sessioune acts and to pay ten punds money, also the strenthe of the actis to remain above his heid upone his guid behaviour and gif he commit the lyk again that he pay the remanent of the penaltie and be banesit the toun immediatly therefter.

May 14th. — *Torrie: Mathowson: Gray.* — Robert Torrie, Marjorie Mathowsone and William Gray have acted themselffis nocht to sell meit nor drink efter nyne houris at evin nather be found drunkin nather be nicht wakaris nather resett wtheris menis servandis to drink wnder the pain of x lib.

May 16th.—Ane admonitioun to Helen Ogilvie, Ladie Balnadalloche, wnder the pain of excommunication to obey the kirk.

May 23rd. — This day the guidman of Balnadalloche hes promesit to caus his wyff cum to the kirk and heir the word.

May 30th.—*Marcat dayis.*—It is ordenit and apoyntit that the haill cheif marcat dayis throchout the haill yeir sick as sall happin to fall wpone Mononday that it be changit to Tuysday therefter and the marcat evin to be on Mononday, that the Saboth day immediatly preceding may be keipit haly.

June 1st.—*Commoun Marcats.*—This day the drum passit throch the toun adwertesing all persones that ilk commoun marcat that happins to fall on Mononday sall be altert and changit from Mononday to Twysday therefter and that for observatioun of the Saboth and keping it haly.

June 13th. — *Excommunication aganes the Ladie Balnadalloche.* — Intimatioun maid from the pulpeit to all persones that nane hant, frequent nor intercommoun with Helen Ogilvie, Ladie Balladallache, now excommunicat wnder the pain of xl lib. according to the actis of Parliament with leiff grantit be the kirk.

St. Mihell Well.—Siclyk that all merchantis and all wtheris leave of to gang to the wall at Stradoun callit Michell well wnder the pain of ten merkis penaltie *toties quoties*, punisching them in ther bodies and making of ther publict repentance.

June 15th.—*Hardie.*—Thomas Hardie accusit for resetting and manteining his sone Alexander Hardie, ane excommunicat persone, quha was cautioun for putting him away immediatly efter he wes relevit out of ward, is found convict and therfor committit to ward quhill he pay xl lib. according to the act of Parliament.

June 20th.—*Twysdayis sermoun.*—To admoneis the people from the pulpeit that they keipt the Twysdayis preitching and Sonday eftirnoyne better.

Portbowlis on the calsay on the Saboth.—Siclyk that na pasteim be vsit publictly on the calsay sick as portbowlis or uther wagrie on the Saboth day wnder the pain of ane merk of penaltie and sic as hes no siluer to be wardit xlviii houris *toties quoties* they transgres this act.

June 25th.—*Skinner: Nisbet.*—Margaret Skinner is found convict for sklandering Isobell Nisbet, be sufficient witnesses, therfor ordenit to mak hir repentance with ane paper about hir heid and creave God and the pairtie offendit pardoun and hes actit hir selffe to be banesit gif evir scho be found flyting or skalding again.

July 2nd.—*Oyr: Ogilwie.*—Johne Oyr delyverit four merkis to the provest as cautioner for Doctor Ogilbie quha tuik in hand to cuir ane puir mans hand and did it nocht and the said Johne desyrit he micht have ther assistance to get repetitioun of his geir at the said doctoris handis quhan he com in the toun quhilk they have promisit to interpone ther autoritie therto upon his adverteisment.

The sessioun ordenis that gif ony persone beis found vaigand or going to Spynie on the Saboth day the tym of preitching or wagand ony wther way gif they be *in bonis* to pay 40s. and wtheris quha hes no geir to be wardit aucht dayis and this act to be publishit and declarit to the people from the pulpeit.

July 20th.—*Leslie.*—Licence grantit to William Lesly to speik with the ladie Balnadalloch for ending his compts with hir.

July 23rd.—*Lyone: Edmound.*—Crystane Lyone and Elspet Edmond have acted ther selffis nevir to flyt, skald nor miscall wtheris heirefter ilk ane wnder the pain of x lib.

August 3rd.—*Mathovsone.*—Maige Mathisone confessit beakinge in the oyne on Sonday sax houris.

August 31st.—*Torrie.*—William Torrie comperit and being requerit quhy he lewche the tyme of preitching deponit his aith he lewche nocht at na word nor poynt of the preitching nor preitcher bot being movit be sum that sat besyd him that day and over anent him becaus they lewche upone him they movit him to lauche again and knew nocht wherat and promisit to refrain from the lyk again.

September 5th.—*Cambell.*—Givin be William Cambell xx s. becaus God relevit him in ane great storme on the sea.

September 17th.—*Anent sleiparis.*—It is ordenit that publict adverteisment be maid from the pulpeit advertesing all persones specially sick as usualy gif them selffis to sleiping that they dishant and abstein therfra certefeing them gif they will nocht abstein from sleiping the tyme of preitching they sall be citat befor the sessioun and be punischit in ther bodeis and guidis as the sessioun sall think expedient and to the effect that nane pretend ignorance heirof this act to be publictly proclamit on Sonday nixt from the pulpeit.

September 19th.—To admonish James Lawis wyff that scho have no taverne on the Saboth day specially the tymes of preitching and prayer.

September 21st.—*Cuming.*—Elspet Cuming, spous to James Petrie, burges of Elgen, gaif in ane bill of complaint upone Janet Nicoll, spous to Johne Warden, alledging the said Janet had sklanderit her of witchcraft and that scho hed witched Androw Wanes in his bodie and also hed pairisched fyve fattis to him. Quhilk bill being red the said Janet examinat refusit the haill heids of the bill wherwpone the persewir tuik to prove the samen again Fredday nixt be witnessis quha are ordenit to be warnit to that effect.

September 24th.—*Nicoll: Wanes.*—This day Janet Nicoll confessit Androw Wanes said to hir fra the tyme that Elspet Cuming flet with him he hed nevir his helthe also quhov soyne the said Elspet yeid out of his workhous wher they war flyting his fatt left working as also that fyve fattis parisheit to him therefter. Heirwpone the said Androw being tryit wpone the said Janetis confessioun approvit the samen and said his fatt left working quhov soyne the said Elspet Cuming past out of his workhous dor and lykwayis constantly avowit fyve fattis parished to him immediately therefter. Mairover Janet Nicoll confessit scho hard

Androw Waynes say gif he knew that Elspet Cuming hed witched him he suld cum to hir avin hous and burne hir in hir avin fyr, althoch he suld be stikkat ther, quhilk words the said Androw confessit he spak bot nocht as they war libellet in the bill. The Sessioun ordenis Androw Wanes and Elspet Cuming to desist from all outragious speitches ather privatlie or publictly importing sklander or malice ather befor the sessioun or wtherwayis elswher that they offend nocht wtheris wnder the pain of ane hundrethe pundis and to sett caution heirvpone. Alexander Wilsone pewterer hes acted himselff as cautioner for Androw Wanes and Johne Robertsone burges of Elgin for Elspet Cuming.

September 28th. — *Cuming.* — Mariorie Bonyman, spous to George Gordoun, and Katrein Cuming deponit that Androw Wanes said he wytit Elspet Cuming of his disseis and his fattis ganging bak. Elspet Cuming gaif in ane bill of complaint upone Cristan Warden dochter of Janet Nicoll for saying Elspet Cuming hes bein at the Bischop complayning and the Bischop said to hir again Elspet gang your way hame again, ye are in our buiks els. Heirwpone Cristan being accusit on thir words confessit she spak them and said Elspet Gibsone spous to the said Androw spak them to hir in hir avin hous, quherwpone the said Elspet being accusit deponit scho nevir spak sick ane word.

October 1st.—Ordenis the bell to go throch the toun declaring this nixt Saboth to be ane day of thankisgiving.

October 13th.—Robert Keyth furnisit ane candill to the reader to reid the prayeris.

November 2nd.—The sessioun ordenis Johne Bonyman kirkmaister and James Young thesaurer.

November 5th. — Johne Geddes, Patrik Pettindreiche and William Milne, merchantis being troublit on the sea, quhov soyne God relevit them they gave to the puir v lib.

November 12th. — *Evrie elderis peice devyded in particular.* — The elderis peices nominat:—At the sowth east—Mr. James Gardynes peice from the east port to Patrik Pedderis hous, Johne Bonymane from that to Alex^r. Burnetis hous, Alex^r. Burnet to Androw Wanes hous, George Gordoun throw the rest of that quarter to the wynd. Sowth west—James Douglas, bailzie, to Mr. Johne Douglas hous, Mr. Johne Douglas to Thomas Donaldsones, James Thomsone to George Russellis hous, William Innes to the port. North west — Mr. Gavin Douglas,

bailyie, to Wm. Torreis, James Young to Johne Mowis, Alex^r. Pringill to his avin hous, John Innes elder the rest of that quarter. North east —James Petrie from the fut of the wynd to Mr. James Gardynes hous, James Retorfuird to George Cumingis, Johne Geddes to the Guiter Stain, Alex^r. Innes the rest round about of that quarter. College—Johne Leslie from Dauid Torrie to William Terras on the north syd, William Terras the rest of the college. The elderis to try ther peices and tak up dilatioun of falteris again Tuysday.

November 16th.—The Bischop and elderis grantis ane seat to be biggit to the magistratis.

December 3rd.—Twysday, Weddinsday and Thursday apoyntit for catechising the people ilk weik.

December 14th.—*Mortimer.*—The Session comptit with William Mortimer, glass wricht, for upholding of the kirk windows.

December 19th.—Admonitioun gevin to the people from the pulpeit to dishant the Chanonry kirk and kirkyeard nather to ws ony pastemes thairin during the superstitious dayis and that according to the actis maid thereanent of befor.

December 21st.—*Secund bell.*—It is apoyntit that ilk persoun within the toun that sall cum in the kirk efter the secund bell sall pay xl d. and sick as hes no siluer to be wardit xxiiij hours, on the weik day gif they cum in at the third bell *sufficiet.*

It is appoyntit that saxtein honest nichtbouris within the toun, out of ilk quarter four, be chairgit to cum befor the session and gif ther aithes that they sall declair what they knave concerning witchcraft upone Elspet Cuming. Upon ane inquisition of Elspet Cumingis lyff and conversation they as also the haill elderis of the session hes giffin ther aiths they knav no thing bot guid of the said Elspet. [Her case was brought before the Presbytery, and thereafter the Session ordained Andrew Wanes to stand in his seat and purge her of all witchcraft.]

December 24th.—*Scollers play.*—The session grantis to the scolleris libertie to play according to the yeirlie custome from Thursday to Setterday cum aucht days and gif they keipt guid ordour during that tyme as the maister sall injoyne them ordenis them gif in ane wther bill and ther sall be grantit to them wther aucht dayis.

December 31st.—*Cummingis purgatioun.*—This day Elspet Cuming deponit scho nevir witchit directly nor indirectly nather was art nor pairt

of his disseas and skaith he gat nather did him evill be ony sort of sorserie or witchcraft.

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January 9th.—Androw Wanes and Janet Nicoll maid thes repentance and creavit Elspet Cumming forgivnes.

January 14th.—Williame Watsone portioner in Cautfaukit and Girsall Hepburne ratefeit promeis of mairage.

January 21st.—Alexander Pringill and Johne Lesly to sit as elderis besyd the minister quhen he exameis the first weik.

February 11th.—The bell to adverteis the toun to desist from labour Setterday nixt befor the Communion. Ordenis fourtein candell to be given to the kirk in the morning.

February 15th.—Payit be Helen Hay 20s. for ganging out of the kirk befor the blissing eftir scho had communicat.

Isobell Rob of hir awin frie will, acted hirself nocht to wse badrie language, nocht to bane and swear nather wse prophane language wnder the pain of the joggis and baneshment.

February 22nd.—*Contracts.*—Ordenis that nan cum within the Sessions hous at the contracting bot twa or thrie nichtbouris with the partein contractit and cautioneris. [All marriage contracts are entered in the register at this time.]

March 8th.—*Banesit persones.*—To intiman to the people from the pulpeit that nan reseit na banesit persoun wnder the pain of xl lib.

March 20th.—The visitors delatit Gillanders stealling pettis and James Hardie, James Kay and William Issone absents from the kirk.

March 22nd.—Ordenis Gillanderis to be wardit quhill evin, William Issone to pay 6s. 8d. and James Kay to ward quhill evin or pay xl d.

Apryll 15th.—It is ordenit that nan of this parosh communicat in ane uther parosh kirk without licence grantit and givin, wnder the pain of x lib.

June 3rd.—*Wilsone, younger.*—William Wilsoune, younger, wardit for playing on a trumpt on the Saboth day and causing lasses to dance, siclyk the said William hes of his awin will becum willingly acted newir to wse profane fassiounes nor na badrie *hinc inde* wnder the pain of baneshment.

June 27th.—*Cutberd banesit.*—Ordenis Janet Cutberd presently to remowe hir seiff of the toun as ane banesit persoune for hir obstinacie and nevir to cum within this toun nor bounds therof nather to byd within the bounds of the bishoprick of Murray under the pain of burning hir on the cheik and gif ony persone within this toun receave hir they sall pay xl lib., and that nan pretend ignorance heirof the bell and the swasche sall declair the samen publictly throche the toun.

July 26th.—*Cutberd.*—Comperit Janet Cutberd, ane banesit persone, being deprehendit in the toun was requerit quhy scho break the tounes acts be hir contumptuous behaviour in presenting hir seiff oppinly to the calsey wpone ane publict mercat day, answerit scho nather did eat nor drink within the toun nather was ludgit in the toun. Wpone hir aith and promeis nevir to returne the Sessioun be publict straick of the drum and hamibell dimist hir.

August 5th.—Ordenis Alexander Milne, notar, to pay xl s. to the sessioun for trubling them and failing to prove his bill viz. that Cristane Wardon had maid ane promeis of mairage to him.

August 7th.—The Session ordenis the haill parosh to big ther pairt of the kirkyeard dyk.

August 19th.—*Fasting dayis.*—It is ordenit that ilk Saboth day be keipit as dayis of fasting and humiliation contenowally till the cornes be reapit becaus of the appearance of evill wether and this to be intimat to the people from the pulpeit.

August 21st.—*East loft visitouris.*—It is apoyntit and ordenit the first grie of the east loft be left woid and redd to the wisitouris and witheris honest persones or straingeris and to the collectouris at the dores.

August 23rd.—*Crichtoun.*—William Crichtoun and Johne Banerman, browsteris wnder the laird of Mayne, found cautioun that nan of them sell meat nor drink nor ws tavernrie the tyme of preitching or prayer on the Sabothe day, nather resett wther mens servandis at wnlawfull tymes under the pain of fyve pundis.

August 28th.—*Generall Act.*—This day intimatioun maid to the people from the pulpeit that nan sit in the first grie of the east loft except provest, bailyeis, persones of counsall, wisitouris, and collectouris.

August 30th.—*Sleiparis.*—It is ordenit that all they quha wses or beis found sleiping in the kirk the tymes of preitching be summondit befor the Sessioun immediatly therefter and punished therfor according to the will and censur of the Session.

September 9th.—Convenit Mr. David Philp bot nan of the elders comperit quherfoir no session haldin. [The Bishop and Mr. David Philp are seldom mentioned together in the sederunt of meetings of session.]

September 16th.—Isobell Smyth ordenit to sit with ane paper on hir heid vpon the stuill of repentance on Sondaye nixt for sclandering Margarat Andersone as a vitche.

October 4th.—*Tailyeour baneisment.*—Ordenis Margrat Tailyour to be wardit presently and therefter to be publictly banesit the toun as ane notorious skald and wicked liveand persone.

October 11th. — *Hay.* — Helen Hay, spous to James Donaldsoun, comperit befor the Sessioun, and is requerit to refrain from sleiping the tyme of preitchingis wnder the pain of the censuris of the session and elders.

October 16th. — Robert Keyth is ordenit to gif ane candill to the reader fra this nicht furth beginning the xvii day of October instant.

November 11th. — *Baksteris.* — To summond the baksters again Tuysday nixt for raising the steanes of the graves to build ther oynes.

Intimation from the pulpeit that Sonday cum aucht dayis be ane day of thanksgiving, siclyk Weddinsday, Thursday and Freday nichtis apoyntit for catechising fra this furth. Siclyk ordenis ane candill to be givin to the hers this nicht and fra this furth, and the nichtis of catechising four candill.

November 15th.—*Officeris.* — Ordenis the officeris to poynd precisly efter the secund bell ilk Tuysday quhom ever they fand out of the kirk wnder the pain of baneshment.

Robert Forbes and Thomas Davidsone, merchantis, tuik on ther packis on ther bakis on the Saboth day and travelit to ane mercat, and therfor ar ordenit to pay ilk ane xl d. and gif they commit the lyk again willingly they have acted therselffis nevir to do the lyk wnder the pain of xx s. *toties quoties.*

November 18th.—Ordenis the bell to go throch the toun declaring to the people that this nixt Saboth is ane day of thanksgiving.

December 2nd.—Robert Fithie in Knokayndoche and Jean Falconer laufull dochter to Hew Falconer of Inverlochtie ratefeit promeis of mariege.

December 6th.—*Inhibitioun Chanonrie kirkyeard.*—To mak intimatioun from the pulpitt on Sonday nixt that nan frequent the Chanonrie kirkyeard.

December 9th.—Margrat Thomsone wardit for absens from the kirk.

December 11th.—This day inhibitioun put to the people that nan frequent the Chanonrie kirk during thir superstitious dayis in pasteim till the first of Februarie.

December 16th.—[Nomination of elders—four to each of the four districts—S.E., S.W., N.W., N.E.—one of each four being a bailie or the provost. Also three elders for the college. Also elders for Pluscarden, Quhytfield, etc. Four deacons also appointed.]

December 27th. — Comperit Magdalen Gray, ane guyser, dilatit Hew Kay, James Calderis man, and ane scoller playing on ane trump.

December 30th.—Comperit Elspet Dempster suspected of guysing, committit to ward quhill scho set caution to compeir on Tuysday. Hew Kay also wardit. Katrein Hosak to compeir on Tuysday nixt for guyssing.

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January 3rd.—Comperit Hew Kay and Maitland Gray delatit ane scoller of James Calder to have playit with ane trumpt. Comperit Thomas Urrall confessit he playit on the trumpt to the gwysars and that Hew Kay was with them and careit ane cott stoppit with streay wpone ane staff and dancit in Johne Bonymanis hous and Hew Kay confessit the samen and that Magdalen Gray was with them in Patrik Pettindrichs hous and therfor committit to ward. Comperit Elspet Dempster and delatit William Moreis woman, Walter Smyths woman, Alex^r. Bonymanis woman quha passit all to Thomas Hardeis hous and dancit ther with ane lad quha playit wpone ane swasche ther, contenouis till Freday to forder tryell. Siclyk comperit Cristane Sanderis and confessit scho dancit in Thomas Hardeyis hous and that scho was in John Innes hous and in William Moreis hous and that Dempster dansit with ane bonat on hir heid in Thomas Hardeis hous and that ane Andersones playit on ane swasche and that Maige Elchuner dancit with Androw Stalkeris hatt on hir heid. Comperit the said Maige Elchuner and confessit scho was dansing with ane hatt and that Alex^r. Bonymanis woman dansit with ane bonat.

January 6th. — Katrein Hosak and Elspet Dempster danseris committit to ward quhill they pay 6s. 8d. ilk ane and to act them selffis nevir to do the lyk. Robert Keyth receavit from Thomas Urrall 1 merk,

from Hew Kay 6s. 8d. from Katrein Hosak 6s. 8d. and ordenis the rest of the lasses to be wardit quhill they pay ilk ane half ane merk.

January 20th.—To mak intimatioun to the landward that they cum in to examinatioun as they salbe warnit ilk Thursday and Freday.

February 7th.—To intime from the pulpeit that they quha are warnit be the elders of ther quarters to the examination cum in the ane half on Thursday and the wther half on Freday and that of evrie particular hous and the cheif honest men and masteris of families cum in as they salbe warnit.

February 28th.—To intime from the pulpeit that it is ordenit that Sonday the xxvi day of Merche salbe the first day of Communioun for the toun and the Saboth preceding ane day of fast and the second of Apryll for the landward and the haill weik betuix the dayis of Communioun preitching dayis.

March 17th.—Ordenis James Alves to ward quhill he pay xl d. for byding from the kirk.

Communioun. — Ordenis to adverteis the people to cum in to the examinatiounes the nixt weik Weddinsday, Thursday and Freday preceisly becaus of the Communioun and the toun to receive ther tikatis at four hours Tuysday, Weddinsday, Thursday, and Freday preceisly at the bell.

March 19th.—The Sessioun thinkis guid that the preitchingis on the weik dayis begin at ten houris.

March 23rd. — Ordenis the drum to pas befor the bellis ring on Sonday siclyk that the bell pas the morne to adwerteis the toun that the seruandis cum to the morning service and that nayne be on service fra xii houris furth bot desist from labouris.

April 2nd.—Ordenis evrie elder to wisit ther pieces again Tuysday to sie quha hes nocht communicated.

April 7th.—*Cowy: Brownie.*—Maige Cowy and Elspet Brownie have acted them selffis never to offend wtheris be flyting and skalding heirefter wnder the pain of jogging them and baneshment heirefter.

Mr. James Gardyne having sichtit his peice dilatit tua seik folkis oncommunicat siz. Thomas Milne and Emilie Swane.

Androw Eakinheid deponit he sav nevir Margarat Dauidsone spous to Androw Kyndnes in Banff gang wpon Agnes Hayis hous nor mak watter theron bot said that Janet Davidsone Agnes Hayis dochter said

the said Margarat Davidsone quhan scho sa the new moyne scho ran thrys widdersonces about and sat doun wpons hir bair ars on the ground. Siclyk the said Androw Eakinheid wyttis hir and suspects hir of his skaith and helthe as also that his eat and his dog ran wood and heirfor desyris the minister and elders of Banff to tak hir aith that scho nather did nor sall do him ony wrang be witchcraft nor sorcery *kinc inde*.

April 9th.—James Rutherfuird [provost of Elgin] visitor, gaif up his avin wyf [as a non-communicant].

April 11th.—*Corsar.*—The Session ordenis Johne Corsar and his wyff to stand at the stuill with ane paper on ther heids for sklandering Androw Martein and heirfoir ordenis him to be wardit quhill he sett cautioun for fulfilling the act as also that he stand in the stokis for abusing the magistratis and to confess his falt publictly befor the congregation and also that they act therselffis nevir to do the lyk *kinc inde* wnder the pain of baneshment.

April 14th.—[From this date to June, 1617, baptisms are recorded among the session minutes.]

April 18th.—*Jamesane.*—Janet Jameson gaif hir aithe that scho nevir offendit Thomas Hay, pyper, directly nor indirectly be witchcraft or sorcery or ony indirect means nather sall do *kinc inde*.

April 21st.—*Officeris.*—Ordenis the officeris to pas throch the Auld Milnes and tak wp the names of non-communicants and falters.

May 2nd.—William Yssonis wyff absent from the Tuysdayis preitching, ordenit to pay xl d. and to pay 6s. 8d. gif scho be found absent again.

May 23rd.—*Innes.*—James Innes, wisitour, drinking on the Saboth day, ordenit to pay tua merks to William Milne, collector, and ordenit to ward quhill he pay it.

Jhone King in the driche at the Panes Port and Cristane Sibbald ratefeit promeis of mariege.

May 27th.—Maister John Hay servitour to my Lord Chancellar and Elspet Douglas lawfull douchter to the richt honoll. William Douglas of Erlsmilne ratefeit promeis of mariege.

June 13th.—*Spynie.*—To huik out the actis and to publische the samen from the pulpeit anent sic as gangis to Spynie and the wood on the Sabothe.

June 16th. — *Officeris.* — Ordenis the officeris to be wardit till Monunday at xii houris for ther negligence and therefter that they warne the absentis from the Tuysdayis preitching again the nixt Tuysday.

Browsteris. — James Cowy delatit sic as kept nocht the kirk siz. Elchiner Rag, Heland Johne Sutherland [and four others] and all ther wyves and [three] browsteris.

June 20th.—*Hay.*—Elspet Hay in the Hauche willinglie actit hir selff not to sell drink the tyme of preitching on the Saboth day wnder the pain of xl libs.

July 9th. — *Kinnerd.* — Ordenis James Kinnerd to be warnit again Tuysday for raising and avay taking the stanes of the Chanonrie kirk yeard to big his pairt of this kirk dyk.

July 18th.—Hew Falconer younger was mareit with Girsall Douglas laufull douchter to William Douglas of Erlsmilne at Dyk.

August 18th.—Thomas Hay mercheant to pay xl d. for his absence from the kirk and affirming that he was in the kirk.

September 5th.—*Hay: Kinnerd.*—Ordenis Helen Hay and Margarat Kinnerd to pay 6s. ilk ane for sleiping and to pay the dowble therof gif they do the lyk again in the kirk.

September 19th.—Alexander Sinclair committit to ward for working and setting up corne and stowkis on the Saboth day.

October 29th. — *Officeris.* — The officeris to adverteis the elders to pas throch ther quarters and adverteis the haill people of the toun that nan hant nor frequent Helen Ogilvie, Ladie Balnadalloche, during hir excommunication wnder the pain of xl lib.

November 5th.—*Chanonrie kirk.*—It is ordenit and statute that nane within this congregatioun hant the Chanonrie kirk to ther prayeris seing the prayeris ar daylie red in this kirk wher the trew word is preitched and the sacramentis celebrat, and therfor that ilk ane keip the publict meittingis the tyme of preitching and prayeris and nocht to go to ther avin privat prayeris in the Chanonrie kirk wnder the pain of xls. *toties quoties* they transgress this act and this to be publisched from the pulpeit.

Candill: Hers.—Ordenis ane candill to the hers from this day furthe.

November 7th.—Inhibition put to William Lesly nocht to hant with the Ladie Balnadalloch without leive.

November 10th. — This day the elderis war nominat and to be publisched on Sonday nixt and chairgit to be heir again Tuysday nixt.

[The elders continued to be elected annually, a few changes being generally made at every election. Fourteen elders elected for the four quarters of the burgh and two for the college, also four deacons. The elders included Alexander Pringill, provost, and the four bailies—Mr. Gavin Douglas, James Thomson, Mr. James Gardin and Mr. George Annand. The landward elders were] William Innes for Blackhills, Jhone Man for Thornehill, Greinheid and Glakmarres, David Watt for Langmorne and Quhytwreayis, William Douglas of Erlsmilne for Boigsyd, Alexander Russell for Hauche, Over and Nather Manbeines, Hew Sutherland for Pettindreiche, Diviligrein and Broymhillis, Hew Falconer for Litill Inverlochtie, Quhytfeild, Mayne and Eakinheid, Mr. Gavin Douglas and James Colly for Mostowy, Thomas Hephburne and Thomas Gordoun for Meikle Inverlochtie, William Farquharsone for Kelles, Robert Dunbar, Elchiner Dumbar, and Martein Petrie for Pluskarden.

November 12th.—*Ballnadalloche.*—My Lord Bischop hes dischairgit all leiwe and licence to confer with the Ladie Balnadalloche and that it sall nocht be lessoum to ony persoun confer, hant nor frequent hir nor hir hous wnder the pain of the act siz. fourtie pundis *toties quoties.*

November 18th.—*Kay.*—Ordenis James Kay to correct his sone for breaking of the provests yeard and the said James is cautioun that his son break no yeard *hinc inde* wnder the pain of fyve poundis.

November 27th.—*Clark.*—Licence grantit to William Clark to repair to the guidman of Balnadalloches hous to do his turnes for the space of xxiiij hours.

That everie elder viseit ther peices and admonische the people that they abstein from banning.

Ordenis Mr. Dauid [Philp] with sum uther to pas on the mercat day to beg for William Lesly.

December 1st.—*Rob: Auld.*—William Rob in Birney and Margaret Auld in the Colledge presentit them selffis befor the sessioun and ratefeit ane promeis of mariege to be performit quhov soyne ther bands beis proclamit, and to this effect have set cautioun for performing the actis siz. for mareing in dew tyme absteining from carnell deall quhill

they marie and that they haive the commands, beleif and Lords prayer wnder the pains contenit in the actis.

December 5th.—*Stewart.*—James Stewart acted him selff willingly nocht to resett wther mens serwands fra sax houris at evin nather sell meat nor drink fra ten houris at evin wnder the pain of v lib.

December 15th. — Robert Stewart brother to Johne Stewart of Kilmauchlowin and Agnes Bonyman laufull dochter to Johne Bonyman ratefeit promeis of mariege.

December 19th.—*Schooll.*—Ane bill givin in be the bairnes of the scooll requering libertie to play quhilk is grantit them according to the actis and this to be schawin to the Mr. again Freday.

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January 16th.—William Laying in Mostowy and Bessie Gordoun ther ratefeit promeis of mariege.

January 20th. — Dauid Ross in Inverness and Jean Law laufull douchter to James Law, Snawdoun Harrauld, ratefeit promeis of mariege.

January 30th. — Janet Barnet committit to ward quhill scho act hirselff to remowe hirselff as ane skandelus persone not meit to have societie within this parosche.

February 6th.—Johne Jak and Janet Gordoun in Inverlochtie ratefeit promeis of mariege.

February 16th.—*Roy.*—This day admonition givin to Cristan Roy that scho ludge no stranger nor uncowth beggeris wnder the pain of extruding hir and hir housband out of the townes houss quhairin they dwall. Isobell King in the lyk maner inhibeit to receave uncowth beggeris wnder the pain of baneshment.

March 30th. — This day the Communioun celebrat and collected vii lib.

April 7th. — This is the last day of Communioun for this yeir als weill for toun and landward.

May 17th. — *Innes: Wilsone: Kay.* — Jhone Innes, merchant, Alexander Wilsone and Hew Kay for waging to Spynie on the Saboth day the tyme of preitching ar committit to ward quhill they pay ther penalteis according to the act maid thairanent. Payit xl s. ilk ane.

May 21st. — *Murray: Gordon: Dunbar.* — Marioun Murray and Merjorie Gordoun for heiting the oyne on the Saboth day and beaking therin payis v s. ilk ane. James Dunbar, tailyeour, acted himselff nocht to be found drinking on the nicht nor reputed to be ane nicht walker wnder the pain of xl s.

That the officers gett no siluer from sic wardours as ar committit to ward for ane day except they be ordenit to stand xxiiij houris they to pay xvi d. and sic as wards xlviii houris to pay xxxij d.

May 28th.—*Gauld: Steill.*—Alex^r^. Gauld and Francis Steill acted them selffis not to be found drinking efter nyne houris at evin wnder the pain of xl s. ilk ane of them.

Greig.—William Greig acted him selff to report ane testimoniall from the toun of Brechein within fyve weikis reporting and testifeing his honest lyf and conversatioun wnder the pain of removing him selff from the haill bounds of Murray.

June 13th.—*Murray.*—James Murray, skinner, wardit for dinging his mother and acted him selff not to do the lyk *hinc inde* wnder the pain of x lib.

June 25th.—*Cok.*—William Cok acted him selff willingly not to mak ony graves in the Chanrie kirk nor kirkyeard wnder the pain of xx s. without leiwe asked and givin.

July 2nd.—*Boynd.*—Alexander Boynd, merchant, ordenit to pay ane merk for passing to the mercat the tyme of efternoyne sermone on the Saboth day.

July 5th. — *Officeris.* — Ordenis the officers to dilat thais of the honester rank in ther particular quarteris that ar absent from the preitching ilk Tuysday and that cairfully and honestly and to contenow in performing ther pairtis diligently for ingaddering the people to the kirk and preitching the saids Tuysdayis, ilk officer negligent and breaking this act wnder the pain of vi s. viii d.

July 12th. — John Robertsone, Alexander Dauidson and Thomas Fraser for going to Forres the tyme of preitching on the Saboth day payit ane merk and for the lyk falt Alex^r^. Lay v s.

July 23rd.—Alex^r^. Wrquhart chirurgiane cautioun for Elspet Annand his spous that scho flyt not with Cristane Stevin nor Margarat Andersone hir mother *hinc inde* wnder the pain of xl s. and Wm. Anderson cautioun for Anderson.

July 26th.—*Stronoch: Tawes.*—James Stronoche and Isobell Tawse his spous haue acted themselffs that nane of them be found drinking, flyting or stricking wtheris wnder the pain of v lib. *toties quoties* they offend and standing in the joggis at the will of the session.

August 11th. — Ordenis William Milne to gif xx s. to ane crepell man ane stranger callit William Ramsay.

August 13th.—Contenows to censur James Hay for sklandering the provest till the Bishops hamecuming.

August 18th.—*Fast.*—Apoyntis Sonday nixt to be ane day of publict fast and that to be published on Tuysday nixt from the pulpeit according to our anniversarie custome befor hervest.

August 27th.—*Corsar: Milwardis.*—To poynd Thomas Corsar for dissobedience, being summoned and wald nocht compeir for grinding on the Sabothe day with his milne. Ordenis the haill milnwardis to be summoned again Freday nixt.

August 30th.—*Chalmer.*—Comperit Johne Chalmer of Overlinkwood and gaif his aith his milne grand none on the Saboth day since the last tyme he acted him selff.

September 1st. — *Gill: Nauchtie.* — Comperit Johne Gill and Johne Navchtie and deponit the Auld Milnes grand nan on the Saboth day since the last time they war acted. Comperit Elchiner Nicoll and confessit the Bischopmilne grand on the Sabothe day at ix houris at evin and therfor convict of ten merkis penaltie according to the act wherbe he was obleshed in the contrar. Siclyk James Milne at the Walkmilne confessit the lyk and therfor convict of the samen penaltie according to the act.

Walter Smyth, flescher, for slaying muttoun on the Saboth day at evin befor v houris publictly on the calsay payit ane merk and acted him selff nocht to do the lyk again wnder the pain of x merkis on the Saboth day.

Comperit George Kay and compleanit wpone James Hardie that he hed abused him and perseuit him beyound Spey with ane suord and tuyk him be the throt and raif his overlay and wald have forder injured him gif honest men hed nocht red them quhilk the said James Hardie refused and becaus ther war not witnesses present for the tyme the said James Hardie is ordenit to remow him selff over Spey again till forder tryell and his better behaviour in tyme to cum.

September 6th.—Comperit Alex^r. Innes sumtyme of Kirkhill and offerit him selff to satisfie the kirk for fornicatioun committit with Isobell Walker and desyrit to waird in the Stepill and to heir the prayeris quhilk the session granted.

September 17th.—*Robertsone.*—Alexander Robertsone milnewart at Shereffmilne hes acted him selff of his avin frie will that the said milne sall nocht be found grinding nor laboring on the Saboth day siz. from midnicht on Setterday to midnicht on Sonday at evin wnder the pain of ten merkis.

September 27th. — *Hay, milward.* — Elchiner Hay, milnvard in Boigsyd, acted him selff willinglie that the milne of Boigsyd grind nocht on the Saboth day. He gaif his aith that scho grand nane befor on the Saboth day except ane day quhilk is found ane transgression of the former act and therefor is convicted of the penaltie.

September 29th.—Ordenis Androw Annand to gif xs. to burie ane puir man.

October 4th.—*Grame.*—Ordenis Margaret Grame to remove hir selff from this toun and parosche and nocht to cum back.

Ordenis the drum to pass throch the toun declairing Sonday nixt to be ane day of thanksgiving.

October 13th.—To remember to speak of ane candell on Tuysday.

October 15th.—*Candell.*—This day ane candill ordenit to be given to the redder.

October 18th. — *Fumester.* — Comperit Effie Fumester and being accused quhy scho counselit Agnes Fumester to cast in strang in the fyr to the effect scho micht get hir hartis desyr of ane wther cottar of James Thomsones quhilk scho denyis and the said James tuik to prove the samen.

October 25th.—Hugo Manro hes tain upoun him to remove the beggeris from the calsey and kirk dor on the Saboth dayis.

October 27th.—The magistratis visitours on Tuysday nixt the day of Sinodall Assembly and evrie elder to viseit ther peices that day.

November 5th.—This day the provest and bailleis of Elgin be thir presentis of ther avin frie will have acted them selffis to redelyver the dask quhilk they borrowit out of the queir within ane monethe.

November 8th.—*Candill: Hers.*—Ane candill to the hers for this day.

Ordenis admonition to be given to the people on Sonday that the catechising salbe on Thursday and Freday nixt and so to contenov therefter quhil winter pass.

November 19th. — The groundis of doctrine or catechising of the people ar appoynted to be on Tuysday and Weddinsday according to the Saboths sermone efternoyne.

Thesaurer.—Wm. Milne appoyntit again for ane yeir to keip the penalteis and that nane be givin out therof except the Bishop, the provest or Elchiner Pringill or in ther absens tuo or thrie elders subscryve the samen.

December 10th.—Ordenis inhibition to be put to the people that they frequent nocht the Chanonrie kirk nor kirkyeard.

December 27th. — *Innes.* — John Innes younger merchant burges of Elgen hes becum cautioun for his brother Robert to satisfie the censuris of the kirk as ane reput and haldin airt and pairt of the slauchter of umquhill Agnes Lesly and William Hay brother to the laird of Mayne as also for giving publict skandell in reparing publickly to sermones and prayeris within the kirk and uther publick places being excommunicat and unrelaxat.

December 29th.—*Innes.*—[Licence given to Robert Innes, merchant burgess, to do his lawful business through the town for 20 days on his application to the Session.]

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January 11th.—Robert Innes to be relieved from excommunication.

January 14th.—Ordenis the elderis to searche ther peices and sie quhat honest men hes psalme buikis.

January 17th.—The provest [and six others] have submitted them selffis to the woice of the session becaus they have commoned and conferred or at least saluted and spoken with Robert Innes, being excommunicat.

January 24th.—Marjorie Wyat hes deponit hir greit aith that scho is nather airt nor pairt of Marjorie Innes seiknes.

March 9th.—Giffin to ane schipbrokin man x s.

April 4th. — Admonitioun to the congregatioun of Setterdayis sermone before the Communioun, item that the bell go throch the toun the morne inhibiting all meatis to be maid reddie.

April 12th.—Delyverit xx s. to ane bairne quhais thie is brokin, item vi s. to ane puir bairne to burie him.

April 13th. — This day the Communioun celebrat to the towne. Collected v lib. xi s. iiij d.

April 20th.—Collected xi lib. xvii s.

April 25th.—To declair to the haill people that Sonday nixt is the last day of the Communioun and that they cum all therto and that nane pretend ignorance pretending mair dayis.

April 26th.—Collected xii s. iiij d.

April 27th.—Collected iii lib. ii s.

May 9th.—*Duff: Tailyeour.*—Thomas Duff, Elchiner Tailyour have acted them selffis to caus ther bairnes abstein from playing in the Chanrie kirkyeard *hinc inde* wnder the pain of xx s. ilk ane of them.

May 18th. — Collected be Mr. Gavin Douglas iiij merks to the commoun work.

May 20th. — *Murisone: Cuming.* — James Murisone wardit for contempt of the magistratis and ther to abyd quhill Sonday except he releiv him selff be payment of xl s. George Cuming payit xl s. as cautioner for James Murisone that he play not at the chow on the Saboth day wnder the pain of xl s.

May 23rd.—*Varden.*—Isobell Warden being requerit quhy scho was from the kirk alledgit scho was in Petgavnie bot confessit hir husband was drinking in the tyme of preitching on Tuysday, for the quhilk he was ordanit to pay iiij s. and the said Isobell ansuerit "The devill ane penny sall my housband pay," for the quhilk speitches the said Isobell was chargit to ward bot manifestly refused and past avay hame.

May 30th.—*Varden.*—Isabell Warden ordenit to pay ane merk for contemptuous speitches, and acted hir selff nocht to contempne or commit ony fault aganes the Session or ony elder directly *hinc inde* vnder the pain of x merkis.

June 13th.—*Hosak.*—Androw Hosak acted him selff gif he be in the toun on Tuysdayis the tyme of ringing of the first bell and pass from the toun in absenting him selff from the preitching in that caice he sall pay xl s.

June 27th.—Johne Gordoun merchant and Margarat Purs ratefeit promeis of mareage.

July 4th.—*Hardie.*—Thomas Hardie is admonished to keept the Tuysdayis preitching with certification gif he beis found absent bot ony just occasioun he salbe censurit and put wnder actis in streater forme.

August 1st.—That Tuysday nixt is the Kingis day of delyuerie in Perth and therfor that the people cum to the preitchingis.

August 2nd.—That the nixt Saboth be observit as ane day of publict fast.

August 8th.—That the bell pas throch the toun and signifie the fast. Nicolas Dunbar and George Sutherland visitouris at the vest, William Lesly and Johne Innes at the east.

August 12th.—That intimation be maid to the parosche that they grant supliment to ane callit —— Mortoun for the help of sum quha are detenit captives [to the Turks], and also that the Bischop read the Kingis letter in that matter.

Seatts.—Ordenis that all the seattis in the kirk be dravin in and nocht to imped the entress to the kirk flowir or deskis, nather that they pas the boundis of daskis.

[Collections in September: 7th, 24s.; 14th, 25s.; 21st, 22s.; 28th, 20s.]

September 6th.—It is ordenit that the officeris go throch the toun and schav the people that this Saboth and the remanent Saboths be keepit as dayis of fasting during the harvest.

[Two visitors for the east and two for the west continue to be appointed every Sunday.]

October 10th.—To adverteis the people that Twysday nixt is the Synod, and therfor that they all frequent the preitching that day, and this to be published on Sonday nixt.

October 17th.—This day Robert Keyth ordenit to gif the redar ane candill to red the prayeris.

October 28th.—*Farquharsone: Kelly.*—Janet Farquharson gaif hir aith that scho did Kartell Kelly no wrang be witchcraft nor sorcery nather sall do heirefter.

November 4th.—Ordenis the magistratis to be wisitouris the morne the fyft of November ane day apoynted to haly preitchings and obseruatioun for the kingis delyverie of the pudder blast at England.

November 14th.—This day Robert Keyth is appoynted to put ane candell to the hers and ilk nicht contenow fra this furthe.

November 18th.—*Vat.*—Ordenis Agnes Wat to be brint on the face and banesit the toun and parasche *in eternum.*

November 21st.—*Absentis from sermone.*—Ordenis the absentis from the Tuysdayis sermone to be wardit quhill evin or redeam them selffis be payment of xl d.

December 8th.—*Philp.*—This day Mr. David Philp in his favor ane edict proclamit that he was acceptit and consentit minister at Elgen.

December 19th. — *Tailliyeour: Jhonestoun.* — Elchiner Tailyour cautioun for James Jhonston and he for him that nane of them hant the Chanerie kirk, lykwayis Margrat Jhonstoun and Androw Davidsoun acted them selffis nocht to hant the kirk to prayeris privatly or publicly wnder the pain of xl s. Siclyk Janet Cok acted hirselff and Helen Terras and Agnes Andersoun.

December 23rd.—*Law: Spens.*—Androw Law and Margaret Spens have acted themselffis nocht to hant the Chanonrie kirk to privat or publict prayeris wnder the pain of xx s.

Grantis licence to the scolleris and libertie to play from aucht dayis to aucht dayis wpone ther behaviour kepand ther avin prayeris in the scooll and kepand guid ordour *hinc inde* wtherwayes to be dischargit.

December 30th.—*Philp.*—David Wat, Johne Mane, Alex^r. Gadderer in Manbeins have consentit to the admission of Mr. David Philp.

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January 4th.—*Philp.*—Hew Falconer, Thomas Hephburne consentit to the admission of Mr. David Philp to be minister of Elgen.

February 8th.—Robert Keyth gaif bot ane candill to the hers.

February 15th.—Fra this nicht na candill.

March 3rd.—*The paroche stentit.*—The plewchis of the parosche as they ar nominat for taxing the paroschineris to furneis necessaris to the Communion; Pluscarden nominat to saxtein pl., Easter Kellas tua pl., Boigsyd ii pl., Lytill Inverlochtie ii pl., Quhytfeild ij pl., Mekle Inverlochtie 4 plew., Pettindriche with the mill 3 plew., Diviligrein tua pl., Nather Manbeanes Over and Hauche 2 ple., Mayne and Eakinheid 3 pl., Lewinshauche i pl., Langmorn 2 pl., Glakmarres tua plewis, Wester Quhytwreayis i pl., Easter Quhytwreayis 2 pl., Thornhill 2 pl., Blakhillis

2 pl., Mostowye 2 pl. Summa of the haill plewchis of the haill parosche with Pluskarden fyftie tua plewis.

March 10th.—*Gadderar.*—Delyverit to William Gadderar ij marks for casting taikynis to the Communion.

March 13th.—*Fast.*—To admonish the people on Sonday nixt that the Sonday befor Pasche day sall be ane day of publict fast and the Sabothe therefter the celebration of the Communion.

March 20th.—*Communicantis.*—That nane presume to communicat beyound ther parosche kirk but all obserue ther avin dayis and ther avin kirk.

March 24th.—*Wanes.*—Androw Wanes [and three others] scitat to kepe the kirk confessit ther falt and promeist to mend.

April 4th.—*Good Freday, bairfut.*—Helen Lesly posit quhow scho come bairfuttit on anc superstitious day callit guid Fredday deponit scho did it for observatioun of hir aith siz. becaus scho buir ane dead bairne sic ane day scho sweir to gang bairfuttit quhill scho levit that day, ordenit to reteir hirselff till Tuysday nixt. Also Christane Gall confessit hir falt and ordenit to be re-examinat on Tuysday. Siclyk Mariorie Wat, spous to Thomas Milne. Margaret Tailyour deponit scho wanted hois and schoyne.

April 10th.—Ordenis the bell to pas throch the toun and discharge all handie wark and labour fra xii hours furthe.

April 14th.—*Kinnerd.*—James Kinnerd having communicat this last Sabothe past hame and abaid not the sermone efter noyne for the quhilk he is reprehendit and efter long ressoningis he promesit faithfully to mend that falt and to keept the kirk and preitchingis heirefter.

April 17th.—Wm. Innes of Blakhillis being reprovit for passing hame from the efternoyns preitching immediatly efter he hed communicat promesit not to do the lyk heirefter.

April 25th.—*Dun.*—Maige Dun wardit for dinging hir mother ordenit to stand in the joggis and therefter to stand at the piller and therefter to act hir selff [nocht] to do the lyk. Agnes Robertsone for banning of hir mother ordenit to be put in the joggis.

May 25th.—*Kirk weschellis.*—The stent masteris all have agreit that thrie hundreth merkis be collected amongs them betuix the toun and landward to furneis weschellis with conditioun gif that soum be nocht sufficient they all agrie to be stentit again wniversally. The quhilk day

lykwayis the Bischop proponit that quhen the queir sall be repairit the weschellis to serue the samen aucht to be furnisched quhilk they agrie to and the toun acceptis to be stentit with the landward and tak burden to ther power as they do with the toun to this kirk.

May 29th.—Doctor Aparisiis his bill remitted to probatioun again Tuysday.

June 2nd.—The Sessioun admittis William Petrie, deaff and dumb, to be insert in the puir folkis roll.

June 9th.—*Keyth.*—The Session ordenis Robert Keyth, officiar, to sit on his kneis and ask God and the doctor mercie for sklandering him in calling him hen pyker.

July 9th.—The compt of sic siluer as Wm. Innes hes receavit for helping to big the porche dor: from Alexander Milne in Dundee, £3 6s. 8d.; collected be the tass, £3 8s.; from Adam Duff, 6s., etc.: summa £36 3s. 10d., togidder with £30 from the Session.*

Chanonrie kirk.—It is statut and ordenit that nane within this toun or parosche hant the Chanonrie kirk at ther priwat prayeris, certefeing the transgresseris of this Act that quhowsoever they be found at ther prayeris ther they sall pay xls. money, and sic as are not soluendo sall

* 1618, June 25, in presence of Alexander Milne and Alexander Gadderar, notaries public, "compeired James Rutherfuird provest and Maister Gavin Douglas bailie and declared that as James Petrie elder burges is obliged, by an infeftment made and subscribed [5th March 1602] by the provest bailies and council of Elgin of ane auchten pairt of land callit the kirk auchten pairt to him, to mend beitt repair and wphald Sanct Gelis kirk sowth yle haill stipillis outwithe and inwithe the samyn, after sichtand the samyn they fand within the said kirk aboue the merchandis loft wpone the north syde thairoff ane pairt quhair the wett haid raint that haid becum grein and haid vaschin the lym therfra, and siclyk sichtand the stipill quhen they did pas to the ouer stipill did find and apprehend sindrie pairtis thairoff that wes revinus, and beand within the stipill quhair the knock and orledge wes and sichtand the samyn did lykwayis find the timmer about the knok and orledge consumit with rane the west window thairoff vacand ane band and the dur of the said stipill lows, and goand about the battaling of the said kirk did find on the north syd thairof certane revinus pairtis that hes bein consumit with raine and outwithe the said kirk thair is certane stones out of the ground of the west gevill thairoff as lykwayis the sydwall of the said kirk narrest the sey growin with gres throch raine that has cum throw the kirk wall that the sputtis of the battaling of the kirk hes not bein red"; and protested accordingly. On 19th March, 1660, a similar protestation, proceeding upon a similar narrative, was taken against Alexander Petrie, who had succeeded his father in the possession of the kirk auchten part; and was repeated on 13th May, 1672, when the magistrates further protested for power to employ masons to make good the defects at Petrie's expense. On 15th April, 1674, Alexander Petrie resigned the kirk auchten part in favour of the Magistrates (Town Council Papers).

be punished be warding and repentance, and this to be proclaimed from the pulpeit that nan pretend ignorance.

July 17th.—The Session grantis licence to Katrein Innes relict of wmquhill Walter Hay of Redhall to sit in the seat quherin Lilias Dumbar sumtyme sat.

July 28th.—*Milne ij merkis.*—Ordenis William Milne, thesaurer, to gif tua merkis to John Miller, ane hareit man.

August 21st.—*General Act.*—It is ordenit *de novo* that sic parties as giffis in bills of sklander aganes wtheris sic as provis nocht ther bill sall pay xls.

August 28th.—*Thesaurer: Gadderar.*—Ordenis the thesaurer to gif four merks to Alexander Gadderer to help him on his jorney towards the south to meit with his sone.

August 30th. — *Gordoun: Cuming.* — Dilatit James Gordoun and Katrein Cuming to be togidder during the tyme of the efternoynes preitching.

September 4th. — *Cuming.* — Comperit Katrein Cuming being summondit quha being accused for wnlawfully companeing with James Gordoun and Adam Balmannocht, the said Katrein enterit in skalding, crying out with cursingis and execratiounis aganes the elderis that accusit hir, quherupone scho was commandit to ward quha contemptuously disobeyit and past hame.

September 9th. — *Thesaurer: sklaatter.* — The Sessioun ordenis William Milne thesaurer to gif the sklaiter on his seik bed being at the point of death the soum of xl s.

Cumming.—Comperit Katrein Cumming being summondit quha in hir skalding called Alexander Innes, ane of the elderis, Judas, and said scho wald affirme it gif scho suld suffer death therfor. James Gordoun alledgit he com to the toun to meit with Corridoun Sonday last, and becaus the searcharis war cuming doun the toun, that they suld not find him, past in at Katreines dor and closit it efter him.

September 18th. — *Cumingis removing.* — This day the haill elderis in a woice have wotit that Katrein Cumming remowe hirself within aucht dayis immediately following from this toun and parosche willinglie and quaytly, wtherwayis scho sall be publictly put aff this toun and parosche conforme to the commoun ordour with publict signes of drum and bell as use is.

September 25th.—*My Lord Bischop moderator propones: Robertsones answer.*—Jhone Robertsone summondit the secund tyme comperit and being requerit be my Lord Bischop, moderator off the Sessioun, quhy the said Johne comperit nocht on Sonday last to gif declaratioun of his diligence, being ane wisitour the said day, as also being summondit to Twysday nixt therefter and comperit nocht, the said Johne ansuerit, "My Lord Bishop, becaus ye com wpone me and abussed me," to the quhilk my Lord Bischop ansuerit and desyrit the said Johne to qualifie his words. The said Johne ansuerit that my Lord Bischop said he wald newir gif him ane good day, quhilk wordis my Lord Bischop refused and declared (on his conscience) he said only thir words, "Jhone, this is to yow, as ye did to me." Therefter the said Johne said contemptuously that he held nothing of the Bischop, for the quhilk contemptuous and wniust speitches my Lord Bischop protestit in respect the said Johne culd not qualifie his said speitches and hed reprotched my Lord Bischop so publictly that he suld be censurit be the sessioun or presbiterie or wtherwayis be the hie commissioun.

October 9th.—*Robertsones confessioun.*—Comperit Jhone Robertsone being summondit quha confessit he hed offendit my Lord Bischop and offerit to amend as my lord or the sessioune pleased to injoyne him. The quhilk day the session deferris Jhone Robertsones mends and satisfactioun to be decydit be ane mair full sessioun.

October 20th.—*Elders voitt.*—The elderis votit that Johne Robertson suld mak his publict repentance and ward so lang as my Lord Bishop pleasit.

October 25th.—*Candill.*—Ordenis Robert Keythe to gif ane candill to the reedar fra this furthe.

The magistratis ar apoynted wisitouris on Tuysday nixt becaus of the Synod Assembly.

Johne Symsone, in the hauch of Dippell, this day in sackclaithe for offending his pastor and contemning the woice of the kirk.

November 1st.—*Robertsone: Aganes ministeris.*—This day Johne Robertsone, merchant, maid his repentance on the stooll for offending my Lord Bishop be opprobrious speitches. Siclyk Mr. Dauid Philp from the pulpeit maid publict intimatioun and admonitioun to the haill congregation according to ane act of the Synod assemblie that na persoun iniurie offend nor calumniat ony minister privatly nor publictly in his

face nor behind his bak, ather raling on him or reprotching him in session or presbiterie nather in ony wther place wnder the pain of standing in sackclaithe and sic utheris punishmentis as the gravitie of ther fault requeris.

November 6th. — *Candill Hearss.* — The Magistratis grantis ane candill to be put in the hers be Robert Keyth on Mononday nixt and so to contenowe nichtly during this yeer sic nichts as ar nocht appoynted for catechising the people.

November 20th.—*Stranger servandis.*—That na strangeris seruandis be receavit in this toun be ony housholderis without ane testimoniall wnder the pain of x lib.

November 22nd.—The Session have votit and grantit James Ker his seat to be dedicat and givin to the Laird Innes to sit in quhan he is in this toun.

December 18th.—*Insolenceis.*—It is ordenit that the superstitious obseruation of auld reitis and ceremoneis expresly forbidden during the tyme callit Yooll that they be altogidder awodit and eschewit, siz. that na persoun within burgh or landward within this parosche pas in gwysing, dansing, singing carallis, play at the fut ball, throch the toun, nor about the Chanonrie kirk and kirkyeard, nather wemen to be cled in mens apparrell nor men in womens apparrell, casting of snaw ballis, hurling with stoollis on the streitis and finally to awoid all insolenceis and superstitious reitis expresly forbidden in the auld acts maid aganes the mantenance of the auld ceremoneis and that wnder the pain of dowbling of the penaltie quhilk is fourtie s. for the first falt and warding of ther persones as the sessione sall apoynt and gif the persoune transgressour hawe nocht geir to pay they sall be punished in ther bodeis be warding and wtherwayis as the Sessioun sall think good in exemple of wtheris to comit the lyk.

December 22nd.—This day the haill elderis have votit and chosin Mr. James Guthrie with Mr. William Clogie to decyd nevtrallie indifferently betuix the toun and landward in the taxt concerning the weschellis to be bocht and maid for the celebratioun of the sacramentis.

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January 19th.—*Dansing.*—This day my Lord Bishop requerit the elderis gif they allovit of the last actis maid anent the ratefeing of the

actis maid anent discharging of dansing and auld reittis wsit at thir festuall dayis callit Yooll, the sessioun all in ane woice agreit that the said actis suld stand firme and stable onviolat for punisching all enormities that sall fall out at sictyme and that in the hichest degrie and thocht that the lasses hed committed ane offense in dansing with ane pyper in Johne Hamiltounes hous, and gif they committ the lyk to be punised according to the actis.

January 24th.—*Cottis: Straquhan.*—The quhilk day my Lord Bischop off Murray, moderator of the sessioun of Elgen, and haill elderis at the desyr of the richt honoll. Robert Innes of that ilk hawe grantit and givin full libertie and licence to Alexander Innes of Cottis and Margarat Straquhan, relict of wmquhill Johne Innes sumtyme of Lewcharis, the seat and dask in the kirk quhilk was assignit be the Bischop and elderis to the said richt honoll. the Laird of Innes, quhilk seat the laird of Innes giffis fully ower in thair favouris and to thair ws to sit in according to his letter redd to the sessioun, quhilk the sessioun ratefeis and giffis to them as ther proper seat during ther tyme and recidence within this brucht, wherupone my Lord Bischop and elderis have ordenit this act to be maid in confirmation of the premissis.

February 16th. — *Dunbar: Clogie.* — This day Mr. William Clogie presented ane bill of Mr. Gavin Dunbaris concerning the stent for furnisching the kirk weschellis quhilk letter bearis that the toun pay the ane half equalie with the landward and the said Mr. William hes wotit the samen.

March 9th. — *Philp.* — This day Mr. David Philp receavit ane hundredthe pundis from the toun for ther pairt to furneis weschellis to the kirk for celebratting the sacramentis.

June 1st. — *Warden.* — Jhone Warden being found culpable of notorious and highe sklander in railling at all tymes wpone my Lord Bischope and ceasses nocht from crying out and abusing his Lordships name and persone acted himselff never to offend again wnder the pain of baneshment from off the toun of Elgen and parosche therof during his lyftyme.

June 4th.—*Steuart.*—James Stewart acted himself to keept the kirk Tuysday and Saboth day, he being in the toune in helthe wnder the pain of xls. except he have ane sufficient excuiss nather that he be found wagand about the feildis or in his yeardis the tyme of preitching.

June 11th.—*Kay: Leslie.*—George Kay, cordiner, and Janet Lesly, his spouse, have willingly acted themselffis nather to flyt with wtheris nather to skald nor ding or abuse wtheris wnder the pain of v lib.

June 22nd.—*Innes: Duff.*—Thomas Innes and Alexander Duff acted themselffis nocht to resett ony bodie within ther yeardis during the tyme of preitching wnder the pain of xls. ilk ane.

July 2nd.—*Annand: Hamiltoun.*—Androw Annand acted him selff cautioun for Margrat Hamiltoun, servitrix to my Ladie Murray, that scho sall sweir and subscryve to the trew religioun nov presently professit in Scotland befor hir mareage and also sall communicat quhov soyne occasioun serues and as scho sall be requerit wnder the pain of tua hundrethe merkis.

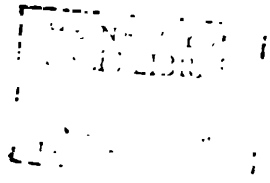
It is ordenit that na persoune, specially young bairnes or infantis, be bureit befor the prayer bell in the morning as also that the parentis signifie and mak nichtbouris acquantit that the bairne is disseasit befor the bairne die that nichtbouris may bear witness to the departur of the bairne.

July 30th. — *Tailyour baneissit.* — Ordenis Margarat Tailyeour presently to be banesit for hir manefold offences and abusses quha hes nov sindrie tymes bein ordenit to be banesit and quhow soyne scho hearis of the sentence to pas aganes hir immediatly scho fleis the toun till the sessioun foryet hir and cumes again and hes hir abyding and recidence in the toun trubling all hir nichtbouris about hir, and therfor this Setterday to be publictly banesit but ony forder heiring as the officeris will be ansuerable wpone the execution of ther office.

September 21st.—*Crichtoun: Bonyman.*—Mariorie Crichtoun, spous to Alexander Innes, wreattar in Elgen, humblit hir selff on hir kneis and creavit Mariorie Bonyman pardoun for hir offence done to the said Mariorie in sklandering her of adulterie. Isobell Nisbet and Janet Currour have acted themselffis nocht to flytt nor skald togidder wnder the pain of baneshment.

September 24th.—Androw Wanes said to Elspet Cuming, spous to James Petrie, that scho was als lyk ane witche cairling as he was lyk a grandgorie loun and choppit on his teithe and said thair was lytill good in hir face. He callit hir wagabound and that his mother lent hir meill to baik penny cakis that held hir housband in the countrey and helpit to mak wp the pack again. Elspet Cuming called Androw Wanes grand-

Interior of the Choir of Elgin Cathedral.



gorie lipper, swonjour that thov art, I sall hawe a mendis of the ather by slicht or be micht.

[Collections in September—5th, 21s.; 12th, 20s.; 19th, 25s.; 26th, 18s. 6d.]

October 22nd.—Grantis Tuysday nixt to Stevart his nutrix to adwys quhidder scho will pay iiij merkis or stand in the joggis on Setterday.

October 26th.—James Douglas, Robert Innes, baillies, and Alexander Pringill, ane of the counsall, as also my Lord Bischop, with the haill elderis hawe wotit that William Gadderer receave sic pairt of the commoditie of the bell as may serue him for ringing the bellis in the kirk, the rest to be imployit to the tounes ws and profeit.

October 31st.—*Gordoun excommunicat.*—This day James Gordoun is excommunicat be Mr David Philip, conforme to the ordinance off the sessioun for his contempt.

November 2nd.—*Murisone.*—James Murisone cautioun for his wyff that scho sall stand at the pillar on Sonday nixt with ane paper on hir heid and confess hir falt doyne to Hew Sutherland wnder the pain of x lib.

November 5th.—Being the day of the powder blast and cruell conspiracie aganes his Maiestie at Quhythall, the sermoun being endit no sessioun nor convening of elderis.

November 18th.—*Hers, Candill.*—William Innes, merchant, gaif fyve merkis money in name of Alexander Milne, burges of Dundie, quhilk the said Alexander send with him to furneis licht to the mercheantis hers quhilk was presently delywerit to William Gadderar to put sax plak candell in the kirk nichtly so lang as it lestit.*

* Mylne's letter addressed "To the rycht honalls. my lord Bischope off Morray, provest and baylzeis off Elgin" is preserved among the Town Council Papers.

Rycht Honalls.—I haveand the occasione off this berar Wm. Innes merchand thocht good to vrett they few lynes. Seing that ye culd nocht fynd the certantie off ane land vpone ane suddantie to be oblest to off zeirly fyve merks for the annuell rent off the fyftie merks I offert to the glorye off God to be dedicatt to the hers of zowr kirk to be ane lycht therto, therfoir I thocht good to delyuer to the berar fyve merks for the proffeit theroff for ane zeir. In respect God villen I mynd to my voyage to the sie and quhen ze fynd the occasione off ane good securitie I to delyuer the sylver and ressaue the fyve merks agane and seing all flesche is mortall lett thir preceptis be ane sufficient rycht to crave off me my airs executouris or assignays intromettoris with my goods and geir to delyuer to zour W. the soume of fyftie merkis money and that to be imployit as zour W. vilbe ansverable to God that it be nocht bot veill bestovit vpone ane suir land that may be poyndabill for the zeirly annuell rent never to be raisit be me nor nane off myne nor na vther quhatsumever bot to furness candill to the hers vith the annuell rent theroff. Nocht trublin zowr W. vith forder bott my hertlie commends maid and service remembrit, committing zour W. to the protexione off God almychtie, zowrs assurit freind to my pover,

Dundie the 29 off September 1619 zeiris. ALEXR. MYLNE.

November 23rd.—*Elderis.*—This day was appoynted for nominatioun of elderis to be elected for this nixt yeer and becaus of the diligence of the elderis presently in office they ar nominat *de novo* to bear office for this nixt succeeding yeer.

December 7th.—*Bischopis dask.*—The elderis convenit this day have all wotit and grantit my Lord Bischop his dask and seat in the kirk to apertein to his Lordschip and his airis efter him properly in all tyme cuming.

December 14th.—Mr. George Annand proponit to the sessioun in nam of the provest and bailleis that they micht have full libertie to big ane dask in the kirk to them and ther successouris wher they micht find it maist commodious, quhilk the haill elderis wery willingly hes granted. The Erll off Murray, the laird of Duffus and the guidman of Erllsmilne desyring that they may have the laird of Pettindriche his dask to apertein to them ilk ane for his entres the ansuer wherof the sessioun contenows till they adwys with the provest bailleis and counsall.

December 17th.—*Yowll.*—It is ordenit that nan within this burgh or parosche ws or mak publict convocatioumes or dansing nor gwysing nather ony wther insolencie or auld reittis expresly forbidden in the former acts during the tyme of Youll wnder the penalteis contenit therintill.

December 21st.—*Poor.*—The elderis have wotit that the first day of evrie monethe ilk tounesman gif support to the poor as God sall bless them and hawe desyred Robert Innes and James Douglas bailleis to requeir the counsall aid heirin.

December 24th.—Convenit Mr. Dauid Philp, Corridoun, Nicolas Dunbar, George Sutherland. *Nihil factum.*

1620.

January 7th.—The sessioun ordenis Robert Hardie to gif xlviii s. to Androw Stalker for making of the takins to the poor.

January 16th.—*Commissaris auctoritie.*—Convenit the Bischop and elderis. Intimatioun maid to the people this day that the actis and decreitis of the sessioun sall be persevit befor the commissar fra this furthe and his auctoritie to be interponit therto.

January 21st.—*Hamilton hir testimonial.*—Hew Falconer, elder, producit ane testimoniall subscryvit be the minister of Aberdour, bearing that Margrat Hamiltoun, now spous to William Falconer, hes sworne and subscryvit to the trew professit religioun.

Takènis, Poor.—This day the taikins and tounes signe is givin to the tounes poor and they ordenit to wear them publictly on their breistis with certificatioun quha does nocht the samen they salbe depryved of the benefeit and banesit the toun.

February 9th.—Comperit My Lord Bischop, Cokstoun, Erlsmilne, Boigsyd, Kelles, Alexr. Pringill, Robert Innes, Johne Lesly, James Petrie, George Sutherland, Thomas Milne, Robert Hardie, Alexr. Forbes, Nicolas Dunbar for stenting the taxatione of the teinds of this parosche to repair the queir. Finds the number of bollis to extend to xxiixx bollis and fyftein, and sax peckis, as they ar heir particularlie sett doun, *imprimis* the teinds of Mekle Inverlochtie iiij chalderis, the teinds of Litill Inverlochtie xxiiij bollis, Quhytfeild xx bollis, Auchtenpairtis of Elgen lxxvi bollis, Mostowy xiv bollis . . . summa xxijxxxv bollis and vi peckis. Inde the number of chalderis xxviij chalderis vij bolls and vi peckis, ilk boll therof layed to xxiij schillingis iiij d., extends in the heall to fyve hundrethe threttie and ane pund iiij s. viij d. and ilk chalder extendis to xviij lib. xiij s. iiij d.

April 3rd.—Convenit the Bischop, the elders with ane great pairt of the haill counsall and sindrie honest men ane great number and ordenit that giff the poor transgressit the ordinance and beggit throch the toun or landvard suld be put out of the roll.

April 7th.—To publische that Pasche day is appoynted the first day of Communioun for the toun, the nixt tua Saboths for the landward.

April 10th.—*Stevin: Innes.*—Cristan Stevin, spous to Alexander Terras, Isobell Innes, spous to William Fraser, have acted them selffis nocht to flyt nor skald nor to speik reprotchfully of ther deid parentis wnder the pain of standing in the joggis.

May 2nd.—Marioun Roy, midwyff, acted hir selff nocht to perturbe the kirk nor offend ony bodie therin wnder the pain of standing in the joggis.

May 26th.—*Richardsone.*—Elspet Richardsoun acted hir selff nevir to cum again to this toun nather to speik evill of James Donaldsoun nor na utheris wnder the pain of burning hir on the cheik.

June 2nd.—Margrat Young acted hir selff nocht to offend, flyt nor bane with William M'Kingyeis wyf nor hir bairnes, nor to offend Johne Gregour nor nan of his wnder the pain of v merkis and to stand in the joggis and at the pillar with ane myter on hir heid. Alexander Hay, officer, acted him selff nocht to ding his wyff wnder the pain of xx lib.

June 6th.—*Douglas.*—This day the Bischop and haill elderis convenit and have wotit all in ane woice to gif to George Douglas, reader, tuentie punds yeerly during his calling in reading and clark to the sessioun.

Cambell: Richardsone.—Ordenis Martha Cambell, spous to George Kaynycoche, to stand with ane paper on hir heid at the pillar on Sonday nixt for sklandering Beatrix Richardsone of adulterie.

June 16th. — The sessioun have wotit Katrein Cuming to be excommunicat on Sonday nixt according to the actis of the presbitrie.

June 23rd.—Ordenis to ward William Terras for dissobediences.

June 25th.—The haill sessioun grantis and have wotit to gif v merkis to David Cowy to attend and teitche the young bairnes in the Sang Schooll to reid and wreit yeerly.

June 27th.—Barbara Ros acted hir selff nocht to offend nor flyt with Alexander Pringill nor na uther elder wnder the pain of xl s.

July 11th.—This day Mr. David Philp mareit with Cristane Ker.

July 18th. — Contenows the actioun of sklander betuixt Alexander Russell and Robert Martein to my Lord Bischopis hame cuming be ressoun the said Robert Martein contemptuously in the face of the sessioun callit the said Alexander Russell ane fals lyar as he is, quherat the sessioun was offendit.

July 28th. — Margrat Scott and Marjorie Winchester acted them selffis nocht to flyt with wtheris wnder the pain of x lib.

September 19th. — *Hay.* — Thomas Hay, merchant, for careing geir and hors leadis to the mercat at Keithe on the Saboth day the tyme of sermoun ordenit to mak his repentance on the stooll and pay xs.

October 3rd.—*Vmphray.*—Margrat Wmphray at the Port committed to ward and to stand quhill v houris at evin and pay xld. and gif scho committis the lyk scho sall pay xx s., siz. gif scho sell drink on the Sabothe day the tyme of sermoun for the quhilk she is now sensurit.

November 3rd.—*Douglas.*—Johne Banerman deponit becaus Janet Douglas wantit ane scheip scho turned the siwe and the scheir and

they fell on Thomas Jonkins hous. Elspet Scheiphird deponit scho hard Janet Douglas say that scho turnit the sive and the scheir and it fell on Thomas Jonkins hous.

November 18th.—*Bursar.*—The Bischop with the adwys of the haill elderis have granted fourtie schillingis yeerly to be givin to ane bursar conforme to the ordour of wther kirks within this diocie.

December 1st.—Ordenis William Gadderar to pas with the hand bell and publische ane fast on Sonday nixt.

December 12th. — *Communioun.* — It is apoynted that the Communioun be tuys ilk yeer celebrat at Pasche and at Michelmes efter the harvest imediatly and therfor the people sall be examinat ilk Sonday efter sermones ane space befor the celebratioun therof for ther better preparatioun therto.

Lykkis.—It is lykwayis statut that na persoun be deprehended prophane or levd at the departur of ony persone nather singing bawdrie songis nor na lewd fassones during that time certefeing the contempneris heirof that they salbe nottit and obseruit ather be ony elder present for the tyme or be the narrest freinds to the persone defounct and sall be punised in their bodies be warding ther persones or in ther geir as ther falt sall demerit.

December 22nd.—To adverteis the people that the preitching on Mononday nixt the xxv of December sall begin at nyne houris.

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February 24th. — *Andersone: Alves.* — Cristane Andersone and Margrat Alves have acted them selffis nocht to skauld nor flyt with wtheris.

February 27th.—*Findlay: Andersone.*—Marioun Findlay acted hir selff nocht to cry out, flyt nor skald nor ws execrationes aganes Margrat Andersone wnder the pain of baneshment.

March 16th.—*Preparatioun to the Communioun.*—To publische and signifie to the people that Sonday cum aucht dayis is to be hed ane day of publict fast for the people thair better preparatioun befor the Communioun.

March 18th.—*Gibsone.*—This day is the secund break of Robert Gibsone journeying on the Saboth day, quha read avay south quhill the secund bell was ringand befor noyne.

March 20th.—*Mortimer.*—Delyverit to William Mortimer for upholding of the kirk windowis in haell glass iiij lib.

April 1st.—This day the Communioun celebrat to the toun.

April 3rd.—Givin be Robert Buchane, mercheant burges off Aberdeen, to be givin to the poor, the last Sabothe he communicat in this kirk xxx s.

April 6th.—*Calder.*—James Calder deponit his aithe he hard nocht Mr. Dauid Philp forbit him to gif his avin wyf ane takin and gif he hed hard he suld nocht givin it to hir. William Layng declarit befór the elderis that James Calderis wyf, callit Janet Gordoun, receavit the bread the body of the Lord, and did not eat it, bot ather put it in hir napkin or let it fall from hir.

April 29th.—George Gordoun of Corridoun receavit this day as his last of thrie dayis on the stooll.

May 1st.—*Smyth banesit.*—It is ordenit that Isobell Smyth remowe hirselff furthe of this toun and parosche and remain out of the samen and that as ane persoun sklanderous in lyf and conversatioun, offensive to hir nichtbouris and specially Isobell Sutherland, spous to Alex^r. Burnet, in filthy sklanderous words as Spyced harlat, drunkin harlat, wyle harlat as the Egiptians knavis; and gif scho obey not, the drum and the bell ar to pas throch the toun declaring hir banesit.

May 8th.—*Smith banesit.*—Ordenis the bell and the swasche or drum to pas throch this toun declaring Isobell Smyth, spous to William Taillour, armorar, ane banesit persoun and presently to remowe hir selff, and the officer to go to hir and put hir out of this toun and no to returne becaus of hir ill lyf.

June 20th.—*Falconeris seat.*—The elderis have wotit and granted to Hew Falconer, elder of Litill Inverlochtie, to big his seat in the kirk betuix the queir dor and the dask at the south yll window, to be biggit and set up closs to the first grie becaus the Erll of Morray his loft hes tain the haill licht from his present seat.

June 27th.—*Varden.*—Ordenis Isobell Warden to stand at the pillar on Sonday nixt with ane paper on hir heid for sklandering James Stewart.

July 10th.—*Poor bairne.*—The session grantis quarterly xxx s. to sustein ane puir bairne quhais mother deit befor the bairne receavit baptisme, and this to be payit quhill the bairne be spanit.

July 27th. — *Gutkrie his charitie.* — Comperit William Guthrie, merchant burges of this burgh, and gaive sax glassin windowis to the kirk, quhilk he avowit to do in his danger in perall in the seas.

September 11th.—*Clark.*—Comperit Cristane Clark and becaus scho uses to lauche in the kirk the tyme of preitching ordenit to pay xx s.

October 14th. — *Mr. Dauid Philp.* — It is ordenit that Mr. Dauid quhen he teitches that he turn the glass quhen he gois to the pulpeit that the prayeris, psalme and preitching be all endit within the hour wnder the pain of 6s. 8d.

October 26th.—*Chalmer.*—Johne Chalmer confessit his traveling on the sea on the Saboth day at xii houris in Robert Innes boat.

November 2nd. — Twysday nixt the fyft of November to be remembrit as vse is for the Kingis delyvery.

December 4th.—*Communioun.*—To intimy that the Communioun be celebrat in the morning to the serwandis and to the maisteris off fameleis at x houris, the first bell to ring at iiij houris and the last at fyve hours.

December 18th.—George Kay communicat nocht becaus James Innes and he was at variance.

December 25th.—Collected 27s.

1622.

February 1st. — *Musick Scooll.* — The Sessioun and elderis haive grantit ij merkis money quarterly to be given to Johne Schilps so lang as he helps to teitche and attend wpone the Musick Scooll under George Douglas.

February 12th.—*Officeris.*—It is ordenit that ilk elder be ansuerable for sick dissobedients as ar within ther awin peices that they tak ane officer with them and ward the dissobedients immediatly.

March 5th. — *Richardson.* — Comperit Beatrix Richardsone and confessit the resetting of Alexander Horne and socht Twysday nixt to adwys gif scho wald pas quyatly and presently of the toun or no and gif scho compeir nocht on Tuysday scho is contentit to be publictly banesit.

March 8th.—This Sonday and the nixt ar generally appoynted dayis of fast throch the kingdom.

March 19th.—*Hamiltoun.*—Margarat Hamiltoun summondit to gif confessioune of hir faith to sweir and communicat.

It is ordenit that the carriouris that bringis in stanes to the portche dor cum first to Robert Hardie that he may sie the leads and discerne on the sufficiencie of the leads and he to pay them.

April 5th.—*Hamiltoun.*—Margrat Hamiltoun, summondit *pro secundo* comperit not and Mr. Dauid [Philp] is ordenit to confer with hir to mowe hir to obey and communicat.

Margrat Wmphray acted hir selff nocht to receave in ludging owtlandische people nor wncowthe beggeris fra this furthe wnder the pain of xl s. *toties quoties.*

William Skadkell acted him selff nocht to flyt nor abus be wordis Thomas Hay *hinc inde* wnder the pain of xl s. *toties quoties.*

April 7th.—*Hamiltoun.*—Margrat Hamiltoun being summondit *pro tertio* promesit to confer with Mr. Dauid [Philp] for receaving instructioun in the trew religioun.

April 9th.—*Innes (Purs): Ker: Spens: Ferguson.*—Agnes Innes, spous to Thomas Purs, promesit and acted hir selff nocht to go to hir privat prayeris in the Chanonry kirk heirefter wnder the pain of xl s. *toties quoties* scho beis found ther. George Ker, cordiner, Margrat Spens, Mariory Fergusone, spous to Thomas Innes, gardener, and Isobell Innes, acted themselffis willingly nocht to go to ther prayeris or hant the said kirk superstitiously wnder the said pain of xl s. ilk persone.

Hamiltoun.—The last request to Margrat Hamiltoun desyring hir to imbrace the trew religioun be Mr. Dauid Philp, minister, requesting hir to heir, subscryve, and communicat, with certificatioun gif scho contenow obstinat the kirk will proceid with hir with the sentence of excommunication.

April 12th.—*Innes: Varden: Layng: Dunbar.*—William Layng, Bessie Innes, his spous, Francis Dunbar, and Mariorie Warden, his spous, have of ther avin frie will acted them selffis nocht to skauld or flyt nor iniure wtheris be filthie speitches nor miscall wtheris be opprobrious language efter the dait of this act wnder the pain of xx lib.

Margarat Hamiltoun refusit to communicat at this tyme, bot promesit to heir the preitching ordinarly quhill scho be farder resolwit.

April 16th.—*Hardie.*—Ordenis Thomas Hardie to stand tua dayis on the stooll of repentance, and to ward Tuysday and Weddinsday nixt for not communicating last.

April 19th. — Ordenis Margrat Gordoun to be summondit again Tuysday nixt wnder the pain of the censures of the kirk to subscryve, sweir, and communicat.

Helen Gordoun, spous to Wm. Young, promesit to keept the kirk better the tymes of preitching and prayeris, as also to communicat presently at the Pasche tyme.

April 21st.—This day the Communioun is celebrat to the toun only. Collected 8 lib. 3s.

April 23rd. — *Chanonry kirk.* — Marjory Dunbar, spous to James Corbar, Agnes Innes, spous to Thomas Purs, Alexander Smyth, Helen Terras, Margrat Johnestoun, Agnes Andersone, Isobell Sutar acted themselffis not to go to ther prayeris in the Chanonrie kirk heirefter wnder the pain of xl s. *pro rata toties quoties* they transgress.

April 26th.—*Gibson: Gordon: Hamiltoun.*—To gif the first admonitioun to Robert Gibsoun, Margrat Hamilton, and Margrat Gordoun from the pulpeit on Sonday charging them to communicat wnder pain of excommunicatioun.

This day my Lord Bishop and elderis grantis libertie to Francis Doctor Aparisiis to big ane seat in the rowme in the kirk wher Hew Falconer his seat was.

April 27th.—*Gardyn.*—James Gardyne being requerit to communicat answerit he was going out of the countrey presently, as also he was not reconcelit with theas that took his blood.

May 3rd.—*Fast.*—To publische and mak intimation to the people that the tua nixt Sabothes ar apoynted dayis of fasting.

May 4th.—*Hamiltoun: Gordoun.*—Margrat Hamiltoun and Margrat Gordoun being warnit and chargit to cum and heir befor the Communion refused plainly. Collected 10 s.

May 5th.—This is the last day of the Communion this year befor harvest cum. Collected 5 lib.

May 14th.—Margrat Gordoun and Margrat Hamiltoun summondit befor the presbitrie again Thursday. Collected 8s. 4d.

May 21st. — Convenit the Provinciall Assembly and therfor no sessioun that day.

May 26th.—*Gordon, Hardie, first admonitioun: Hamiltoun.*—First admonition to Alexander Hardie and Margrat Gordoun to obey the

kirk. The secund admonition aganes Margrat Hamiltoun is contenowit upoun hir faithfull promeis to compeir and satisfie siz. to communicat.

May 28th.—The persons that past to the wood of Spynie on Setterday at nicht and remanit ther from xi houris to four in the morning on the Sabothe being a day of publict fast comperit and confessit ther being ther siz. Alexander Petrie (*bis*), John Petrie, Androw Smith, George Innes younger in Pluskarden, Johne Bonyman, Alexander Peterkin (*bis*), William Fumester, Patrick James, Johne Schilps, William Gardyne, Johne Cuming, James Douglas, Johne Gady, Johne Patersone, Androw Geddes, Elchiner Moray, Johne Kay, Isobell Douglas, Margrat Douglas, Jeane Douglas, Isobell Cuming, Mariorie Cuming, Mariory Man, Cristan Anderson, Jeane Annand, Margrat Guthry, Janet Dollas, Isobell Froster [in all 19 men and 11 women].

June 2nd.—*Hardie: Gordoun: Hamiltoun.*—Second admonition to Margrat Hamiltoun, Margrat Gordoun and Alexander Hardie. [Third admonition on 9th June and first day of prayer for them on 16th June.]

June 9th.—*Crukschank.*—First admonition to Thomas Crukschank to conforme himselff to the trew religioun.

June 11th.—Ordenis theas that war at the wood the haill nicht wagand to be summondit again Freday to heir the sessiounes will and decreit pronuncit aganes them for ther falt.

William Innes promesit to gif to Johne Tailyour the messoun 40s. to begin and hewe stones to the portche dor.

June 16th.—*Cawtioneris for theas that was in the wood.*—The persones that was in the wood all nicht till four houris in the morning being Sonday and ane publict day of fast hawe sett cautioun ilk ane for ther avin pairt as followis, siz. sall mak ther repentance publictly befor the congregatioun the nixt Sabothe, the men in the west loft, the wemen in ther avin seats in the kirk floore, and siclyk that they sall nevir do the lyk again nor committ ony kynd of falt worthie of the lyk punishment wnder the pain of publict repentance in sackclaith and four lib. ilk persone transgressand.

June 23rd.—*Hardie xl s.*—Ordenis Robert Hardie to gif xl s. to Mr. Alexander Smart his sone quha hes the benefeit of ane burs this yeer.

Generall Collectioun.—My Lord Bishop proponit to the sessioun and shev ane letter writtin be my lord of St. Androws desyring him to gather and gett wp the collectioun of this people for help of the aflicted kirk of France.

June 25th.—William Layng deponit Alexander Petrie said, Will ony of yow go and gett your Communioun? I knave sum that hes bein at ther Communioun in Ballormy. Johne Paterson ansuerit, I sie sum cuming doun the gait that was ther at it; and the said William ansuerit that vas ill spokin, it micht be the said Alexander wald be chappit wpone that.

June 28th.—Alexander Petrie confessit he said, I hard sum say, siz. ane callit Fraser and Robert Innes nutrix, that ther was ane number at the Communioun at Ballormy. Comperit Margrat Laye and confessit ther come ane boy from Ballormy for Margarat Gordoun and said scho was gone ther to tak hir Communioun.

July 7th.—Androw Steill and William Tailyour to be summondit for playing at the kyllis efter noyne befoir the preitching.

July 9th.—Comperit William Tailyour, armorar, and dilatit Alexander Duffis sone, twa sones of Johne Purs, Androw Steill playing at the killis efter the first bell on Sonday efternoyne and confessit lykwayis that he was playing at the penny stone efter the preitchingis accompaneit with the cutler, Androw Steill, Elchinar Cwik, William Gray, Robert Sinclar; wardit therfor and payit x s. to the officers and acted him selff no to ws ony publict pastem on the Saboth day again wnder the pain of xl s. and the rest to be summondit again Twysday nixt.

July 12th.—Comptit with Robert Hardie since 15th February last: xl s. to ane bursar at the colledge; to William Gadderer for lead and making of takins xl s., to the Clangunn for stanes to big the portche dur viii lib. xiii s. iiij d., to George Douglas to by ane sessioun buik ii merkis, item delyverit to William Innes to by lyme and wtheris necessaris xvii lib. iiij s. wherof x lib. givin for lyme and fourtie s. to John Tailyour, messone, and for sand iiij s.

So this book ends 12 Julij, 1622.

July 14th. — *Donaldsons cautionrie for Rob.* — James Donaldsone, mercheant, cautioner and full debtor becum for Thomas Rob quha break wp the stiple dor and fled to present him befor the Sessioun betuix this and the xxi or xxiii day of July wnder the pain of xx lib.

July 16th.—*Bonyman: Urrall.*—James Douglas spous to Grissall Urrall and Grissall Urrall for hir selff comperit and adducit certane witnesses to prowe hir bill aganes Marjorie Bonyman spous to George

Gordoun mercheant and alledges that the said Marjorie Bonyman callit the said Grissall witch and that hir mother was a witche and rowit in a riddell. John Robertson, baillie, deponit Marjorie Bonyman said, Fy wpone yow that ye sufferit yon witch, witche, witche and hir mother to leiwe so lang onbrunt them baithe. Janet Gordoun, spous to James Calder, deponit Marjorie Bonyman called the said Grissall witche, witche and hir mother ane witche; there was lytill justice in Elgen that sufferitt them leiwe so lang onhett baithe ther hurdeis. Lykwayis the said Janet Gordoun deponit that Jeane Bonyman, spous to Alexander Lesly, said scho houpit in God to cary peitis to the bak of the Ladie hill to burne hir as hir mother suld hawe bein brunt. Elspet Cuming, spous to James Petrie, elder, deponit scho hard Grissall Urrall say in the bear hous, scho wald nocht committ hir caus to God bot to the Devill becaus it was ane seing mends scho wald have of them. James Kay deponit the said Grissall said, God let me nevir die quhill I get a seing mends of them.

July 21st.—Third day of prayer for Thomas Crukschank. Alexander Hardie is excommunicat for refusing to compeir as he was summondit to gif confession of his faithe, to swear subscrye and communicat. Hew Falconer is becum cautioun for Margarat Hamiltoun that scho sall communicat quhan the Communion sall be celebrat. Margrat Gordoun hes subscryvit and sworne to the trew professit religioun.

July 26th. — John Nachtie deponit he hard Marjorie Bonyman say that Grissallis mother saillit in a riddell.

July 28th.—James Law and Marioun Moray scitat for sum perturbations quhilk the said Marioun maid publictly befor the people with Cristane Law, spous to James Rutherfurd provest. Comperit the said Marioun and alledgit that the said Cristane wald hawe taken the first place from hir (quhilk scho wald not gif hir bot impedit hir with hir futt) and did flyt with hir, and heirfor besocht the sessioun to gif hir peace of hir toung.

July 30th.—Marioun Moray confessit that scho said to hir dochter Cristane Law, Away harlat, and thow com heir I sall pat ane boykin in thy hipp.

August 2nd. — *Rutherfuird: Moray.* — Comperit James Rutherfurd, provest, in ane particular betuix his wyff and Marioun Moray, hir

mother, and desyrit the particularis to be tryit quhilk the sessioun granted. James Law, spous to Marioun Moray, socht Twysday nixt to giff in his complent quhilk is lykwayis granted. James Rutherfurd is willinglie becum cautioun for Cristane Lawe, his spous, that scho sall nocht offend nor flytt with hir mother or father or thair folkis fra this furthe wnder the pain of xl lib. Siclyk the sessioun ordenis the new seatt sett wp be Marioun Moray to be away again till it be decydit to quhom it apperteins.

August 6th.—*Law.*—Archibald Law hes giwin in ane bill wpone Cristane Law, spous to James Rutherfurd, provest, and hes tain to prowe it on Tuysday nixt.

August 11th.—*Dissobedients.*—The fourt day of prayer for Gilbert Andersone and fift for Thomas Crukschank and first for James Gordoun.

August 20th.—*Law: Moray.*—James Law, Marioun Moray and Archibald Law ordenit to sett cautioun to keipt peace with the provestis wyf as also the auld seat to be put in again, cautioun being sett. Archibald Law acted to salut and reverendly behave himself to the provest in tyme cuming wtherwayis he salbe censurit as the sessioun sall think good.

August 23rd.—*Innes.*—Agnes Innes [and eight others] acted themselves to keep the kirk the time of preitchings and prayer under the pain of xl s.

August 27th.—Comptit with Robert Hardie for necessaris to big the portche dor . . . to Clangunn for winning of stanes to be hewin work and leading therof 46s. 8d., for tua schoollis 3s. 4d., ane riddell 4s., ane tub and bucket 12s., to Mekle Androw 16d., to clos up the east dor of the queir 10s., for ane hogheid to be ane tub and punsion to the wark 3 lib., for 7 sparris 56s., for cutting the hogheid 2s., to Lang Androw and Manro for careing the stenis neir to the wark quhilk war about the kirk dispersit 24s., for tua yokingis to lead sand 6s., for bringing of flett stanes 24s., for bringing stanes from the Chanonrie kirk 3s. 4d., for tua leads of lyme 11s., to the smithe for cleikis and stancheons 42s. 8d.

September 3rd.—No sessioun haldin becaus of the marcat.

September 13th.—It is apoynted that ilk elder scars and espy narrowlie in the kirk quhat persones they miss out of the kirk ilk Tuysday and Sonday and quhom they find absent to caus summond them again the nixt sessioun day. Siclyk it is appoynted that the

wisitours and officeris be wrgit on ther conscience to gif just declaration of ther diligence the tyme of preitching. Item it is appoynted that ilk officer quhov oft he comittis ony fault or ony poynt of negligence in office sall pay 6s. 8d. or ward 24 houris.

September 20th.—Robert Smithe committed to waird for breaking Robert Innes yeard the tyme of preitching on the Sabothe day to pay 20s., and ward quhill he pay it.

September 22nd.—*Hephburne.*—Ordenis Alexander Hephburne and Robert Martein to be summondit again Tuysday nixt for perturbing the kirk. Johne Fumester deponit Alexander Hephburne pat his thie to stay Robert Martein and wald nocht lat him sitt doun and said to him, Will thow sitt on my knie, kneaff?

September 29th.—*Mawer.*—Janet Mawer maid hir repentance for sklandering the provest.

October 1st.—No sessioun becaus of the marcatt.

October 20th.—This day elderis ar nominat to bear rulle for this yeer.

October 25th.—George Kay gaif in ane bill of complent wpone Ninian Dauidsone for striking wp his lokis stealling his keyis and took avay drink and bread sindric and dyvers Sabothe dayis the tyme of preitching. Agnes Jamesone deponit Niniane Dauidsone took out the chalmer key with the crook of the ladill out of the almry and opnit the dor and brocht butt drink to the haill hous, to Isobell Innes, Barbara Pattoun, Thomas Straquhan, Johne Fleming and Barbara Murisone and gaif them sume dayis tua pyntis sum wther Saboths thrie pyntis drink.

October 27th.—*Candill.*—William Gadderer began to gif licht to the Reader.

October 29th.—*Queir.*—The session apoyntis ane merk to be given to tua men for redding about the queir ilk day till the queir be cleingit without and within.

November 5th.—*Seatt: Law, Pringill.*—The Bischop and haill elderis hawe apoynted and givin to Cristane Law, spous to James Rutherfurd, provest, libertie and only power to sitt in the seat sumtyme apperteining to umquhill Isobell Barclay, sumtyme spous to Alexander Pringill, as hir proper seat in the kirk.

November 8th.—*Layng: Poor.*—James Layng appoynted to hald abak the beggeris from the kirk dor ilk Saboth and Tuysday the tyme of preitching, for the quhilk he sall have xvi d. for his panes.

November 12th.—*France: Taxatioun.*—The elderis thinkis good that my Lord Bischop tak wp the rest of the taxatioun apoynted for the aflicked kirk of France and gif peace be granted to them the said taxatioun to be imployit to sum wther godlie ws.

Gadderar: Lyme.—William Gadderer is apoynted to cum to my Lord Bischop and receave silver to be lyme quhan he finds it in the toun to be sold. William Gadderer begane to gif candill to the kirk siz. ilk nicht thrie.

Hephburne: Martein.—Alexander Hephburn to pay four poundis sit on the stooll of repentance one day and agrie with Robert Martein for perturbing the kirk on ane solemne day of fast becaus he wald nocht suffer him to sitt besyd him but expelled him and Robert Martein to pay 40s. and mak his repentance and agrie with the said Alexander Hephburn becaus he left not the seat tymously, bot trouble, at the provests command quhen he was bidden.

November 15th.—*Hephburne.*—[Robert Martein set caution, but Alexander Hephburn compeared not and was ordained] to pay ten pundis for his hiche contempt.

November 17th.—*Taverns.*—It is ordenit that intimatioun be maid with the hand bell that all landward persones remowe them selffis out of the toun on Setterday nixt fra xii houris and that the publict marcat desist and stay, that there be no bying nor selling in publict, nather eating nor drinking in taverns and that na taverner sell meat or drink after xii houris the said Setterday wnder the pain of ten lib.

November 24th.—The presbitorie ordenis Alexander Hephburn for refusing to obey the disciplein of the sessioun as also prowdly and contemptuously ansuering again befor the haill congregatioun and refusing the Bischopis exhortatioun saying he wald nocht agrie and wttering sum presumptuous speitches to stand att the pillar in sackclaithe ilk Saboth day the tyme of preitching ay and quhill the pastor find him sufficientlie penitent and referris his penaltie to be nominat be the sessioun. [The elders fixed the penalty at xx lib., and he promised to obey.]

November 29th.—*Communioun.*—Sonday nixt is the last day of Communion and preitching salbe on Setterday befor.

December 6th.—The sessioun met efter the evening prayeris: the Bischopt, the Provest, Mr. Johne Hay, Mr. Dauid Philp, etc.

December 13th.—*Gordoun.*—Margrat Gordoun spous to Robert Innes promised to communicat at Pasche. The presbitorie intimat that if she communicat nocht this Twysday scho wald be excommunicat the nixt Sabothe.

Jean Leslie spous to Robert Gordoun declarit hir seiknes permitted hir not to cum to the kirk.

[Alexander Hephburn paid his penalty.]

December 15th.—The Bischop maid intimatioun from the pulpit that sic as hed nocht communicat as yit prepair them selffis again the nixt Sabothe wnder pain of the contentis of the act maid at the Generall Assembly.

December 17th.—*Baptisme.*—It is statut *de novo* that nane seik to baptize thair bairnes bot on preitching dayis immediatly befor sermon or efter.

Preitching. — On Setterday nixt it is appoynted that ther be preitching efter noyne befor the Communion according to our yeerly custome and therfoir that all men within this parosche desist from all handie work from xii houris furthe and address them to the preitching be the first bell.

Also that the auld actis be procleamit from the pulpeit inhibiting all superstitious reitis befor the tyme of Youll speciallie the Chanonrie kirk and kirkyeard, dansing, guysing and all uther forbidden ryotis.

December 20th. — *Gordoun: Gibson.* — Robert Gordon and Robert Gibsone promesit to communicat this Sabothe, wtherwayis excommunicatioun sall follow. James Gordoun and Margrat Gordoun to be excommunicat gif they communicat not the nixt Sabothe.

December 22nd.—This day the Communioun celebrat to theas that war seik and sic vtheris as hed not communicat befor.

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January 7th.—*Dansers.*—Comperit James Tailyour for playing on ane trumpt to ane number off lasses quha war dansing to his playing contrar the actis and being inhibited during this tyme from the pulpeit. The lasses names ar Maige Falconer, Margrat Torrie, Maige Layng, Agnes Jamesone, James Sim his voman, Robert Martein his good dochter and Robert Dunbar his voman, Magie Stevin in the College,

Cristane Gall, Beatrix Terras, Isobell Pattoun, James Mitchell. Isobel Fynny sang to them in James Lawis hous. *Gwysseris.* — James Bonyman, Alexander Petrie, Johne Petrie, Robert Dunbar, Archibald Law. Theas past in ane sword dance in Paul Dunbar his closs and in the kirkyeard with maskis and wissoris on ther faces. Penaltie of ilk gwysser 40s.

January 21st.—*Mawer.*—Comperit Maige Mawer and confessit scho hed committed adulterie with Doctor Aparisiis quhen his wyf com to the kirk on Sonday.

January 24th.—To intimy that the catechising of the people sall be ilk Thursday and Freday at the prayeris.

January 31st. — *Law.* — Archibald Law being summondit be the officer to compeir befor the session for guysing and dansing raif the summonds and baid the officer tell the provest and bid him hing him selff wherfoir ordenis him to be summondit again wnder the pain of the censuris of the kirk.

February 4th.—*Aparisiis.*—Comperit Doctor Aparisiis and denyit that he hed carnell deall with Maige Mawer.

February 11th.—*Law.*—James Law, Marion Moray his spouse and Archibald Law ther son, acted themselves not to flyt, skauld nor wtter sklanderous speitches aganes James Rutherfurd provest and his wife.

February 25th.—Ordenis Alexander Wrquhart to compeir on Freday and purge him selff gif he hes and vses papistis books.

February 28th.—*Scott.*—Ordenis Margrat Scott ather to obey the sessiones decreit or than to be carted throch the toun wherupon scho was presently directed to ward.

March 9th. — *Aparisiis purgatioun: Maver.* — Comperit Aparisiis sitting in the laird of Pettindrichs seat and publictly befor the haill congregatioun refused absolutly that he committed adulterie with Maige Mawer and the said Maige standing in sackclaithe at the pillar awowit constantly he hed, wherupone scho is ordenit to contenow in hir repentance at the sessiounes will and he is dimitted.

March 11th.—Archibald Law in presence of the Bischop and elderis satt doun on his kneis and creavit God mercie and the provest quhome he hed offendit and promesit nocht to do the lyk again.

March 18th.—Sonday nixt sall be ane fast befor the Communioun and Palme Sonday the first day for the landvard in the morning, at

noyne for the seruandis, and Pasche day the last day of actioun for this yeer.

March 21st. — *Annand: Innes spous to Leslie.* — James Annand, mercheand burges of Elgen, being in Weisell, deponit he saw Robert Innes, spouse to Mariory Lesly in this toun, parische in the said river off Wiseill and helpit to seik him of a long tyme befor he culd be found.

April 2nd.—Nothing done becaus of the Synod.

April 9th. — *Poor receaved takins.* — This day in presence of Johne Robertsone, Wm. Innes, Johne Dunbar the poor folk receavit ilk ane of them the townes mark to be fixit on ther breistis and they only to receave the tounes almes and ordenis Androw Stalker to receave four lib. for making of them.

April 13th.—Collected £6 15s. This is the last day of Communion at this time quhilk was celebrat be the Bischop and the last tyme that evir he gave it or sall.

May 4th.—James Gordon servitour to my lord of Murray communicated this day in presence of the haill congregatioun wherwpone all proces of excommunicatioun aganes him ceasses.

May 11th.—This day Alexander be the mercie of God Bischop of Moray [Bishop Douglas] depairted this lyf in the morning be four houris.

May 13th.—*Charitie.*—To intymie from the pulpeit and desyr the people to incres and inlairge ther charitie at the brod to the poor in respect of the straitnes of the yeer.

May 20th. — *Russell: Martein.* — Alexander Russell, tailyour, and Robert Martein, burgessis of Elgen, gaif in ilk ane his bill of complent befor the sessioun wpone wtheris and becaus nane of them provit ther billis baithe committed to ward quhill they pay xl s. ilk ane.

Running on the Calsey.—Comperit Elspet Walker, Helen Wilsone, Janet Reid, Elspet Gall, Janet Brander and ilk ane of them ordenit to pay 6s. 8d. for rinning and taking on reasses wp and doun the publict streitis efter supper trubling the toun and perturbing the nichtbouris and breidding ane evill exemple to wtheris to do the lyk and sett cautioun nocht to do the lyk.

Rinners.—Siclyk William Layng and Alexander Petrie convict in the same falt ordenit to ward quhill viii houris at evin and pay xl s. ilk ane becaus they wtterit presumptuous speitches. Johne Petrie culpable in the falt bot becaus he wtterit no evill speitches decernit to pay ane merk.

Milnwartis.—To summond the millaris of Pettindriche and Inverlochtie for grinding on the Sabothe dayis.

May 22nd.—William Layng declarit that Thomas Kinnerd, ane of the elderis, break of his avin man and causit him rin with the rest and therfor desyrit him to be censurit with the rest.

May 27th. — *Kay.* — For banning and cursing the wisitour and deforcing the officer Jeane Kay is ordenit to stand on Setterday nixt in the joggis from nyne houris to ellevin.

May 29th. — *Bonyman.* — James Bonyman for scurring and running prophanlie upone the hie streitis is ordenit to pay ane merk, as also he is committed to ward till he pay xl s. for gwyssing at Youll, with 20s. for byding from the kirk on ane Sonday efternoyne and deteining wtheris with him drinking and creaving his debtis, quha contemptuously break ward and passed hame and payit nothing.

June 6th. — *Gibsone.* — The elderis have all wotit and desyris Mr. David Philp to excommunicat Robert Gibsone conforme to the will of the presbitory having warrand of the lordis of the hie commissioun.

June 13th. — *Innes.* — James Innes for offending the sessioun and running on the hie streitis payit 30s.

Corsar. — Ordenis Thomas Corsar to be wardit quhill he pay ten merkis for grinding cornes on his milne of Pettindreich vpone the Sabothe day.

July 25th.—This is the publict marcat day callit Sanct James day.

July 27th.—*Gibsone.*—Robert Gibson this day receavit and absolvit from excommunicatioun be Mr. David Philp.

August 1st.—*5 August.*—To intimy to the people that Tuysday nixt being the fyft of August be keepted as a day of thanksgiving for his Maiesteis delyverance.

Findrasie. — That ane letter be directed to Findrisie to repair the northe yll.

August 5th.—*Crichtoun: Bonyman.*—Elspet Rob spous to James Donaldson deponit Mariorie Crichtoun hurlit abak Mariorie Bonymans stooll upon hir selff and iniurit hir werie ewill and patt the lass from hir seat and raif hir plaid. Grissall Mawer deponit Mariorie Crichtoun hurlit on hir stooll on Mariorie Bonyman as also that scho took up the lass stooll and kest it away.

Wm. Torrie in his wyffis name complenit wpone Janet Young spous to James Bonyman, quhilk being referrit to the said Janetis declaratioun scho confessit scho callit his wyff Skowkand sow, the sow sittis in the sadell, and said also it was not sa with hir quhan scho yeed with a blankat about hir ars, taw ledder and clout auld schoyn.

August 8th.—The elderis hawe found that Mariorie Crichtoun hes done great wrang to Mariorie Bonyman publictlie in the kirk of God betuix the secund bell and the preitching, and . . . ordenit them baithe not to sitt togidder.

August 15th.—*Bonyman: Innes.*—Mariorie Bonyman compleanit vpone Alexander Innes, son to Alexander Innes, notar in the Colledge, quho come to hir in the kirk befor the efternoyns preitching and dang hir and abused hir and wald nocht suffer hir to sit in hir seat in the kirk. Helen Leslie deponit scho saw Alex^r. Innes strick Mariorie Bonyman with his arm and said to hir, Rys, koyne. Cristane Milne deponit he strak hir with his dowble arme and baid hir rys. Bessie Hay deponit scho saw the bairne strik hir with his elbok and said, Dewill a bitt of hir sittis heir.

August 19th.—*Gibsone: Wrquhart.*—Alexander Gibsone complanit that Alexander Wrquhart callit him kneif and the said Alexander confessit he said, Ye hawe bein in England and that is ane Englisch knewish trik. The session ordenit him to creave Alex^r. Gibsone pardoun therfoir, quha ansuerit contemptuously he had rather tak his avin durk and stick himselff with it befor he creavit him pardoun. At the quhilk ansuer the elderis being offendit contenowit ther censur till ane mair full sessioun.

August 22nd.—*Vrquhart.*—The elderis ordenis Alexander Wrquhart on Sonday nixt to sitt under the mercheant loft and ther publictly confes his falt in wttering sic wngodlie speitches.

September 2nd.—Ane marcat day and therfor nather preitching nor sessioun.

September 12th.—*Generall Act.*—It is statute and ordenit gif ony indweller in the toun or college refuise the brod and stand at the kirk dor to gadder the peoples collectioun being requerit lawfully the nicht befor except he hawe ane sufficient excuss sal pay als mekle as is collected at ony tyme at the dores.

September 16th.—Referris theas that yeid to the mercat on Sonday last to Freday nixt. Ther names ar William Cobane [and six others].

September 19th.—James Gregour confessit that on Sonday was fyvtein dayis he risped brissell in Wm. Hephburnes hous at his command and did wasche ane peice claithe of his at the watter befor noyne the tyme of preitching and did wasche sum yearnes the tyme of prayeris on the Sabothe day. Alex^r. Innes litster confessit he sent his avin woman with James Gregour to the watter of Lossie and caused wasche the claith and yearne.

September 26th.—William Hephburne payit xl s. for causing his serwantis work wpone the Sabothe. Alex^r. Innes to pay ane merk.

September 30th.—The Synod convenit in the kirk quher the Bischop preitched the first day and Mr. Robert Barroun on the morow. No sessioun haldin theas dayis.

October 7th.—*Bonyman: Crichtoun.*—The elderis decern Marjorie Crichtoun to rys out of hir avin seat in the kirk on Sonday nixt and humble hir selff on hir kneis befor the congregatioun and creave God mercie and Marjorie Bonyman for the last offence done to hir.

October 10th.—*Elderis.*—This day elderis nominat to bear rulle for this yeer; elderis for the N.W. Mr. Gawin Douglas, provest [and three others], N.E. Alexander Leslie, ballie [and three others], S.E. James Douglas, ballie [and three others], S.W. Nicolas Dunbar, ballie [and four others], Auldmilnes, James Rutherfurd, the College [two], decanes, [four], for the landward [nine elders], Pluscarden [three].

October 17th.—*Andersone.*—Cristane Andersone ordenit to stand in the towbuithe quhill evin for flyting and skalding with Johne Gregour.

October 28th.—Comptit with Androw Annand thesaurer . . . restis James Donaldsone cautioun for Thomas Rob for obedience to the kirk quha lap the kirk wall.

November 11th.—Being Martimes day convenit no elderis.

November 25th.—*Generall Act.*—It is ordenit that quhair ony deis of the landvart within this parosche that the adiacent nichtbouris help to convoy the corps to be bureit under the pain of xx s. ilk persoun dissobedient.

Pettindrich his dask.—The elderis ordenis the dask whilk was biggit be wmquhill Archibald Douglas sumtyme laird of Pettindriche to apertein to William Douglas now of Pettindriche.

December 5th. — *Generall Act.* — Ordenis the parentis to pay xx s. only for the buriall of ther bairnes that sall happin to be bureit in the Chanonrie kirk.

Kerow: Kerowis charme. — Comperit William Kerow being summondit for charmeing and confessit Androw Innes send his sister Yssones wyf for him to that effect as also that he charmit ane callit Russell, ane chapman laid presently lyand in Thomas Dauidsones hous, and promesit to dilatt and declair again Freday nixt sic utheris charmit be him as his memorie culd affoird and declarit the words of the charme to witt:

The quaquand fewer and the trimbling fewer
and the sea fewer and the land fewer
bot and the head fewer and the hart fewer
and all the feweris that God creatit,
In Sanct Johnes name, Sanct Peteris name
and all the Sancts of heavins name
our Lord Jesus Crystis name.

December 9th.—*Andersone.*—The elderis ordenis Johne Andersone to gif silver to buy boards to big ane seat to the Bischops dochteris.

December 19th. — *Kerow.* — Wm. Kerow declarit that Marjory Crichtoun befor scho was delyverit of hir birthe sent for him and causit him charme hir of hir seiknes. William Kerow acted himselff willinglie to stand on Sonday in sackclaith bairfuttit and bairleggit and confess his great offence and sin in charming the people as also hes acted him selff nevir to do the lyk under the pain of deathe and hes promesit to reveill and tell ather to the minister or reader gif ony persoun young or auld comes to him or sendis for him to be charmed.

December 25th.—Being Youll day collected xxxviij s.

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January 16th.—*Chalmer.*—Johne Chalmer in Linkwood delyverit 40s. for libertie to burie ane of his friendis in the Chanonrie kirk.

[The Bishop presides at almost every meeting of Session.]

January 20th.—*Layng.*—James Layng hes wndertain to hald out the poor and strong beggeris and strangeris out of the kirk dor, calsey and

haill toun under the pain of ten s. weiklie and gif he do his pairt he sall have ten s. weiklie for his panes and travell therin.

March 2nd.—*Layng.*—It is appoynted that James Layng be payit weiklie of viij s. be the balleis for halding out uncouth beggeris of the toun.

March 5th.—To intimy that the Communion is to be celebrat at Pasche to wit on Sonday befor Pasche the first day, Pasche day the secund, and the Sabothe following the thrid and last day.

March 21st.—*My lord Bischop.*—This day my Lord Bischop delyverit to Johne Lesly, maister of wark for bigging the hospitall, ten angellis.

March 28th.—*Plaids.*—My Lord Bischop publictly from the pulpeit inhibetit the women to hald and wear ther plaids about ther heids so uncumly in the kirk the tyme of sermone, siclyk that they sitt nocht with ther bakis to the pulpeit and schew them that gif they contemned this admonition they suld be censurit mair seveirly.

April 13th.—No sessioun becaus of the Synod.

April 20th.—*Gibsone.*—Robert Gibsone ordenit to pay 20 lib. for not communicating, being so often requerit.

April 26th.—The elderis have ordenit James Roy to pay four lib. for his confessit fornicatioun and therefter swearing the contrar, as also that efter he hes sittin thrie Saboth dayis the tyme of preitching on the stooll he sall descend and cum befor the pulpett and confess his faltis as they ar first and last.

May 2nd.—Robert Gibson offerit 20 merks in pairt of his penaltie which was nocht receavit till the haill.

May 4th.—Robert Gibsone sent three single angells quhilk war nocht of just wecht for whilk caus the Session wald not receav them.

May 7th.—Thomas McKinyie fornicator sett in the joggis becaus he hed no Englis to confess his falt on the stooll and payit 40s.

May 9th.—*Generall Act.*—It is statut and ordenit that all sic persones as sall be found and deprehendit swearing, banning, cursing or blaspheming the halie name of God sall stand at the pillar the tyme of sermone and therefter sall cum from the pillar and stand befor the pulpeit, confess ther falt and creave God mercie and the congregatioun to quhom they ar ane skandell and gif they fall in the same falt again they sall stand in the joggis.

May 11th.—*Innes: Waldie.*—Maige Waldie and Margrat Innes efter sermone nixt Sonday to ryis wp and stand on ther feit and confess ther

falt of mirding, lauching and playing them the last Sabothe the tyme of sermone and pay ten s. ilk ane of them.

Kay.—Jean Kay to be wardit till she pay ten s. for selling meit and drink the tyme of preitching and gif scho do the lyk again scho is becum acted of hir awin frie will to stand in the joggis.

May 14th.—*Kayis mend to Gregour.*—Jeane Kay for calling Johne Gregour mensworne dog is ordenit to sitt on hir kneis on Setterday at the gowis and aske the said Johne pardon, and gif scho feall or offend heirefter scho sall be punisched be standing in the gowes.

May 18th.—*Forbes.*—George Forbes servitour to Thomas Allane acted himself not to prophane, weag nor vse ony prophane or lewd pasteme on the Sabothe day nor weage about Spynie hareing nestis the tyme of preitching wnder the pain of standing in the joggis.

May 21st.—*Officers.*—Ordenis the officeris weiklie to attend the fische mercat evrie ane as befallis him diligentlie to observe sic persones as sall happin to swear and bane, alsweill byaris as sellaris, the fischar wyffis to be wardit quhill they pay tua s. and townes folkis to be poyndit conforme to the auld actis.

Ordenis that ilk officer receave only fywe merkis of the sessioun and that as full satisfactioun and compleit payment of his fie and all wther casualtie whilk he was in vse to receave befor of the sessioun reservand only the jayalour feis of persones wardit conforme to the act maid theranent that is to say ilk persoun committed to ward the space of 24 houris sall pay 16d. and sic as sall ward 48 houris sall pay 32d.

May 31st.—Mr. George Annand of Morestoun and Elizabeth Innes relict of umquhill Lauchlan Grant sumtyme of Waster Elches ratefeit ane promeis of mareage.

June 8th.—Ordenis Johne Leslie to gif Robert Hardie xl lib. to by ane ruiff to the queir.

June 15th.—*Sabothe.*—Nane to be found wagand about the feildis on ane Sonday the tyme of preitching under the pain of 20s.

June 26th.—*Leslie: Mayne.*—Receavit be Johne Lesly from the ladie Main tua hundrethe merkis money for reparation of the hospitall in pairt of the soum of the kirk penalteis in hir Ladyships hand. [August 20th.—Resauit fra hir ane wther hundrethe libs.]

June 29th.—Thomas Purs, David Purs, James Duff, James Kay, Rany the sklatter, Alexander Gray, James Mitchell at the bowllis in the morning the last Sabothe day ordenit to pay x s. ilk ane and ward quhill evin.

July 16th.—Ordenis Adam Rany to pay x s. for playing at the bowllis on ane Saboth day in the morning.

July 25th.—Janet Lesly, spous to James Grant, was fund wasching clais in Cokstounes yeard the tyme of preitching. James Innes was ther playing him the tyme of preitching.

Grecians.—Androw Annand, thesaurer, is ordenit to gif fyve merkis money to the tua Gretians out of the puire folkis purse.

July 30th.—Becaus Thursday nixt being the fyft day of August quhilk day his Majestie eschapit Gowrie thressoun to intimy from the pulpeit on Sonday nixt that ther salbe preitching that day and thanks-giving for his said delyverence.

August 3rd.—Ordenis Androw Annand to furneis thrie ellnes of linning to be ane winding scheit to ane puire man callit Androw Innes.

August 7th.—Robert Innes, baillie of Elgin, ratefeit ane promeis of mareag with Jeane Innes, dochter to the guidman of Cockstoun.

August 17th.—*Gibsone.*—Delyverit xx lib. from Robert Gibsone.

August 27th.—Mr. Dauid Philp declarit to the Session that he had delyverit to the Commissioners for ingadering the contrabutioun of Dunfermeling four scoir fyve lib. iii s. viii d.

August 29th.—40s receavit for Margrat Innes lair in the Chanrye kirk.

August 31st.—*Mr. Alex. Clark: Lesly.*—Comperit Mr. Alexander Clark, and declarit he was willing to leawe of his cours in the exercis and studie to theologie for a tyme during the tounes will, and willinglie submittis him selff to tryell gif he may be found meit for teitching the Grammar Scool of Elgen. Siclyk comperit Mr. James Lesly, and declared he vas also willing to submit him selff to tryall, unto quhom is assignit the nynt day of the nixt moneth of September for ther tryells, Horat. lib. 3, 2 ode.

Wilsone.—James Douglas, ballie, and Robert Hardie ordenit to go throch the toun the marcat day, the first September, to requeir the charitie of the people to David Wilsone to help his estait again quhais hous guids and geir was all brunt with fyr.

Manro: Lang Androw.—Johne Manro and lang Androw hes takin in hand to hald away all uncouthe and strange beggeris and ilk persone of them tua sall receave weikly for ther panes vi s.

September 24th.—*Warden.*—Jhone Warden and Isobell Warden his spous to be put in the jogis fra Setterday at aucht houris to tueff houris for disturbance.

[Collections in September—5th, 45s.; 7th, 14s.; 12th, 50s.; 14th, 6s. 8d.; 19th, 48s.; 28th, 6s. 8d.]

October 8th.—*Terras: Clark.*—William Terras, yr., skinner, ordenit to stand at the pillar with ane paper on his heid contening the caus of his offence on Sonday the tyme of preitching to wit for sklandering Christane Clark spous to George Donaldsone, wtherwayis lat him redeim himselff be payment of x lib. to the poor.

October 16th.—Johne Wrquhart laird of Latheris and Dame Marie Innes ladie Mayne contracted mareage.

October 17th.—*Dowglas.*—Mr. Jhone Hay declarit that George Douglas, sone to William Douglas of Pettindriche, left ane hundrethe merkis to help the hospitall and poor therein.

October 19th.—Katrein Norie warnit to compeir on Freday nixt to heir hir selff decernit and fynit for scheaving of candill and grinding on queirnis on the Sabothe day.

November 16th.—*Leslie.*—Johne Leslie, collector appointed for bigging of the hospitall and ouerseer of the work theiroff, having givin in ane fitted count in presens of Hew Falconer, Mr. John Hay and Mr. Dauid Philp, appointed auditouris to the same, his wholle charge was found to extend to four hundereth pundis money wheroff he resaiued ane hundreth merks fra ane reverend father Jhone, Bischope of Moray, and fyve hundereth merks fra Dame Marie Innes, relicte of wmquhille Alexander, last Bischope, in pairt of payment off such kirk penalties as were restand in hir hands in tyme of his deceasse quhilk sowme of four hundereth punds aboue wreitten the said Jhone is found to haue debursit and bestowed the same upon the building and fabrice of the said hospitall togither with the sowme off tuentie seavin lib. aucht s. iiii d. superexpendit be the said Jhone.

November 19th.—Ordeanes Jannet Cumming [and seven other women] ilk ane of them to pay sex s. viii d. for break of the Sabboth day.

November 23rd.—*Brodie.*—Jannet Brodie, servant to William Leslie, is become acted not to curse nor ban nor sweare under paine of hir halfe yeiris fie.

[At all Sunday and Tuesday meetings two "visitouris at the east" and two "visitouris at the vest" are appointed.]

December 3rd.—The nixt Sabboth being appointed for celebratioune of the Lords Supper William Gadderer is ordeaned to go throw the

towne and discharge be the bell all handie wark and selling of meat and drink conforme to the ordour under the paine of fyve lib. fra tuell houris Satterday efternoone.

December 4th.—Convenit the Bischope provest and remanent elders. Collected that day be William Falconer 40s. Nicolas Dunbar and Robert Hardie collectors at the west dore for the morning service, Thomas Kinnaird and William Falconer at the east dore, Hew Falconer and Robert Innes, collectors at the west dore at the second service, James Dowglasse and Mr. Jhon Hay at the east dore, Jhone Leslie, Robert Hardie, Jhone Andersone, and Androw Annand to assist them at the tables.

December 5th.—*Communioun.*—The Communion celebrat be the Bischope befoir noone and be Mr. David Philp in the morning. Collected at the dorres the said day ten poundis 16s. 8d.

December 7th. — Non-communicants delaited be the elders:—Adam Gordoun and Elspet Troupe his spous, Robert Gordoun and Jean Leslie his spous, Walter Innes and —— Gordoun his spous, Robert Innes and his familie, Alex^r. Innes advocat, Robert Gibsone, Margrat Hamiltoun, Thomas Allan.

December 10th.—*Gordone.*—Comperit Robert Gordone and declarit he was willing to communicat and that he did not withdraw himselfe from the Communioun on Sonday last in contempt yit culd give no good reasone for his absence. Robert Gordouns wyffe, Jean Leslie, excusit be reasone of seiknes.

Rosse.—Medge Rosse is ordenit to compeir on Soonday nixt at the piller with the myter on hir head and mak hir repentance for sclandering Isobell Leslie.

December 17th.—*Chalmer: Mitchell: Kinnaird.*—James Chalmer and Alexander Mitchell confessit they trewshe corne on Soonday last be aucht houris in the morning and some efternoone befoir the soone setting quha are ordeaned for their offence to mak their publick repentance at the piller; as they did. Robert Kinnaird confessit he directed them to doe the said work in respect of necessitie, their being naine in deid as was tryit.

December 24th. — William Cuming and James Innes collectors for Satterday being Youll day; xl s. collected that day.

December 26th.—The visitouris declared good obedience.

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January 2nd.—The visitours declared good obedience in the people.

January 14th.—*Huy.*—Ordeans Helen Huy to be declarit publicklie banished be sound of bell furthe of the parosche and that nane resett hir onder paine off ten merkis.

January 16th.—*Nota.*—There is four fild bookis [now (1904) only three] perteining to the session besyd the book presentlie filland, resauit at the death of George Dowglasse quha depairted the aleavint of Januar 1625.

January 18th.—*Sabboth brewing.*—It is ordeanit that nane sal bring in their burne to brew on the Sabboth day efternoone onder paine of tuentie s.

Boynd.—Ordeans Alexander Boynd to be wardit for dinging of his wyffe till he sett cautioun to abstein.

Ordeans to giue long Androw vi s. viii d. weiklie and to Scottie tua s. weiklie for taking ordour with the outlandische poore.

January 25th. — *Smyth.* — Nicolas Dunbar, bailyie, geue in ane complaint against Robert Smyth for his wicked execratiouns utterit against him quhilk wes proven and therfoir the said Robert Smyth ordeaned to ward in the laighe toilboith quhill Sooneday nixt efternoone and then to come and confesse his offence craving pardon vpon his knees befoir the sessione and therefter sett catioune neiver to doe the lyk in tyme comming.

February 4th.—Mr. Gawne Dowglasse, provest, geu in ane bill against Alexander Hepburne for his sclanderous speaches anent the raseing of ane merche stane, etc.

February 20th.—Ordeans Mr. Dauid Philp to produce the compt anent the monie delyuerit be the landwart for the ornaments off the Communioun on Tuysday nixt.

February 25th.—Jhone Andersone ordeand to giue William Mortimer fourtie aught s. for aught foot of glass put on the kirk window.

March 1st. — *Margret Duncan.* — It is ordeand that the relict of wmquhille George Dowglass sall haue monethlie to support hir thrie

pounds money, the one halfe quheroffe be the towne and the wther halfe furth of the readiest pertining to the sessioune and this to stand induring the will of the sessioune.

April 3rd.—This Sabboth a solemne fast obserued for preparation to the holie Supper off the Lord.

Dauid Rosse his child baptised by licence granted he being ignorant of the ordour (being a strenger) concerning the day of fast, and this nawayes to be a preparatiue to others in tyme comming.

April 4th.—Archbald Dunbar sone to Alexander Dunbar off Bothe ratified promeis of mariadge to Meriorie Farquhar, doghter to umquhille Wm. Farquhar of Kelles.

April 12th.—Comperit Magnus Edmonstoune drummer and ratified promeis of mariadge to Isobel King, Patrik Pedder catioune vnder paine of ten lib. that they sall accomplishe their mariadge within the spaice of fourtie dayes and that they sall have the 10 Commandis, beleiffe and Lords prayer etc. Siclyk William Scott, servant to Nicolas Dunbar, ratified promeis to Agnes Gordoun in Inverlochtie.

April 19th.—*Hay.*—The quhilk day comperit Jaspert Hay and is acted befoir the sessioune that he sall not heirefter be his key giue entrie for bureing of dead corps within the Chanrie kirk vtherwayes he salbe depryved of the custodie theiroff.

April 26th.—It is to be intimat on Soonday nixt that sic as keipis not Tysdayes sermone the old act salbe execute against them.

April 29th.—James Kay hes not communicat neither doctor Aparisiis wyffe.

May 3rd.—Androw Kay ordeand to pay 40s. for the buriall of his good mother, Jhone Pedder and Patrik Chalmer ilk ane of them tuentie s. for the layer off their children.

May 6th. — Robert Gordon and his wyffe [and six others] to be summoned for ther not communicating.

May 8th.—*Smyths 40s.*—Gilbert Smyth payit 40s. to Jhone Andersone for ignorance of the 10 Commandis [at his marriage].

May 13th.—Ordeans intimatioune to be maid that the Synod holds in Elgine on Tysday nixt.

May 24th. — *Chalmer.* — Patrik Chalmer ordeand to pay for his contumacie tua merkis for the buriall of his bairne in the Chanonrie kirk.

Robert Dunbar ordeand to pay 6s. 8d. for lowsing Jannet Moray but order from hir ward.

May 27th.—It is ordeand that quhosoeuer sall sitt in the seatt ordeand for the collectors and visitours in the east loft sall pay sex s. 8d. *toties quoties.*

June 7th. — *Gray and Christie.* — Isobell Gray and Jannet Christie commit to ward and ordeand to be put in the joigs on Satterday nixt for their open scalding the last Sabboth and neiver to doe the lyk againe vnder pain off banishment quhilk wes done.

William Cuming ordeanit to pay 40s. as catiounar for William Russell quha haid not the 10 Commandis quhen he was maried.

June 17th.—No Sessioune on Tysday last, it being the markit day.

June 24th.—James Innes ordaineit to order the west loft. [A similar appointment was often made at this time.]

Agnes Wat to be banisheit on Satterday, 25 Junij, with sound of drum.

July 8th. — *Finlay.* — Ordaines John Anderson to give to George Finlay, wricht, tuentie schillingis for two broadis and to help him in his necessity.

Ordaines Margaret Law to pay half a merk for not compeirance being summondit.

July 31st. — *Mylne.* — Giffin be Alexander Mylne, merchand of Dundie, out of his avne liberalitie to the hospitall and for the supplie of the puir 50 merkis.

August 19th.—Ordaines that Elspet Duncan pay xl s. for hir banning in the sessioun hous afoir the elderis.

August 31st.—*Hamiltoun.*—Comperit Margaret Hamiltoun spous to Wm. Falconer and confessit that she had taine the Communioun a thousand tymes efter hir avne fashioun and was nocht resolvit to tak the sacrament as yit with the rest of this congregatioun.

October 5th.—The names of these that abusit the lykwake in Johne Robertsones hous: Robert Cuik, James Mylne [and five others].

October 7th.—Convenit the haill sessioun in the chusing of thair magistratis and elderis as is eftir specifeit: North-west Mr. Gavin Douglas, provest, etc.

William Nauchtie to be summondit againe Wedinsday for stoulking corne on the Sabbath day.

October 12th.—Androw Duncan to be summondit for grinding on a queirn on the Sabbath day.

William Nauchtie to be summondit againe the nixt dyet for going to Doles or Carmichell kirk for superstitioun to seik help at santis, as is aledgit.

October 14th.—Sick of the landwart elderis as wer summondit to this day and not comperit ar to be taxit for ther absence as the seat thinkis meit.

Examinatioun to begin on Wedinsday the nixt oulk the 20 of this instant and to continue euerie oulk Wedinsday Thursday and Fryday for the better preparatioun to the holy Communioun.

October 19th. — *Act.* — Ordaines that all these that come to any lykwake to vse any prophanatioun in tyme of reading of chapteris or singing of psalmes ar actit in fourtie schillingis except they be send for be the maister of the familie.

Ragg.—Decernis that Thomas Ragg, seruitor to Alexander Leslie, if he be found againe to be from his maisteris hous through the toun all night that he sall pay 20s. *toties quoties.*

October 21st.—The bell to go for thankisgiving efter the harvest.

October 23rd.—The Bischope being in Edinburgh, collectit fourtie schillingis.

November 3rd.—*Meldrum and Annand.*—John Meldrum, sone to the guidman of Jackistoun, ratified promise of mariage to Jean Annand, dochter to Mr. George Annand, guidman of Moristoun.

November 18th.—Ordaines Johne Andersone kirk thesaurer to delyver to Mr. Dauid Philp fourtie schillingis to give Mr. Alex^r. Andersone to help him to the colledge siclyk as he getis out of euerie kirk of the presbeterie and that for the yeir of God 1626.

November 20th.—*Act Petindriches dask.*—The seat thinking it meit that the guidman of Petindreichis desk being litle to hald them that orderlie setis them therin, that they sall draw it out to the west farder under the loft that it may be moir easier to hald these personis who vsis to sit therin and this done with the generall assent of the sessioune and the east end theroff to pertaine to the laird Duffes.

November 23rd.—*Absent fra the kirk.* — The names of these who was out of the kirk on Sonday was callit this day and being absent ordeanit to pay half a merk and whosoeuer beis found againe be the visitouris sall pay a haill merk *toties quoties.*

December 2nd.—Ordeanis euerie man to put his avne pairt of the kirkyaird dyk vp agains summer.

December 4th.—Margaret Duncan hir hous meall grantit to be payit be the session during hir lyffe for quyting of the 3 lib.

December 9th. — *Communioun.* — Ordeanis William Gaderer to go throw the toun with the bell to publish a fast on Sonday nixt for better preparatioun to the Communioun.

Fergusone.—Marjorie Fergusone comperit this day for going into the Channerie kirk to hir prayeris and forbiddin not to go thair againe bot keip the vseuall kirk in the toun.

December 18th.—Being a day of Communion collected 14 lib. 14s. 6d.

December 25th.—Collected fyve merkis.

December 30th.—Mr. Dauid Philp declairit he bocht as much cloath as was a watter cloath and two panes and tuik of the silver that came out of the landuart and payit it with.

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January 6th.—Ordaines that no paroshener nether in the toun nor in landwart receat ony stranger beggeris wnder the paine of ten merkis.

January 13th. — *Gib: Norie.* — Jonet Gib gafe in a bill of sclander against Elspet Norie. The said Elspet callit confessit that she said till hir she tuik out a plait and a trenchour out of hir hous, quhilk was giffin to hir oath and the said Jonet sueir the contrair and the said Elspet ordeand to stand with the mytter on hir head; quhilk she did.

January 25th. — Jonet Russell ordeant to tak hir to seruice within a fourtein dayis vnder the pain of 40s.

January 29th.—Givin to Issoble Leslie to help hir and hir bairnes in their necessitie 3 lib.

February 4th.—Ordaines Johne Andersone kirk thesaurer to give to Androw Annand fourtie merkis out of the kirk boxe for inbringing stanis to the porche dore of the kirk.

February 26th.—The said day Mr. George Annand bureit.

March 1st. — *Compt of whats given to the hospitall.* — The Sessioun thocht guid to look out all that left ony thing to the hospitall, in particular George Douglas, Petindreighis sone, a hundreth merkis, be

Alexander Mylne of Dundie 50 merks, be John Bonyman, burgis of Elgin, 50 merkis, be James Andersone, burgis of Elgin, 40 lib., be John Dunbar 100 merks.

March 5th.—*Act.*—Ordaines that euerie one of the elderis who salbe found absent fra the Sessioun on a Sessioun day without ane laufull excuise that they sall pay tuelfe pennyis.

Act.—Ordaines that Wm. Gadderer, kirk officer, attend on preiching and prayeris, baptisme and mariage, or such lyk publict tymes that no abuise be found in the kirk and for euerie tyme of his absence to pay half a merk *toties quoties* without he have a laufull excuise.

March 10th.—*King, Testimo.*—Giffin to John King 20s. to helpe him out of the cuntrey to get remeid to his halse as his testimoniall bearis granted to him be the Sessioun.

March 22nd.—Ordaines the officeris to poynd all these that are out of the kirk on the oulk dayis from the preiching without a lawfull excuise.

Philp.—Givin for table clothis be Mr. David Philp to serue the communioun buird £14 8s. and that at the command of the sessioun as was sichted.

John Williamsone in Grange ratified promise of mariage to Jonet Vrquhart in this paroshe and actit vnder paine of banishement to fulfill ther mariage within fourtie dayis.

March 26th.—*Andersone.*—Ordeanis Johne Andersone to give 40s. to a man to heall the ladis leg that was hurt with the plough and to give him tother fourty when it is heall.

March 29th.—To summond the milleris for grinding on the Sabbath day. Androw Martein to pay halfe a merke for bringing in malt on the Sabbath day.

Comperit Thomas Davidsone and payit fourty shillings for his wyffis buriall in the Chanonry kirk.

March 31st.—*Chanonry kirk.*—Summondit these in the Colledge that hantis the Chanery kirk to ther prayeris and Elspet Innes ther hes actit hir selfe vnder 40s. not to go ther againe.

To intimate with the bell that nane by or sell in the tyme of preiching on Setterday efternoone vnder the pain of fyve lib. Sonday nixt the first day of Communioun and the four bailyies to be visitoris.

April 1st.—Thomas Allane cutler to remoue himself of this toun and not to be found in it againe vnder the paine of banishment without a lawfull testimoniall.

April 7th.—Collectit at the preparatioun sermon on Setterday 26s. 8d.; collectit the day afoire being Gud Fryday 35s.; [collected on the three Communion days, 2nd, 9th, and 16th April, £6 6s. 8d., £8 9s. 8d. and £8 8s. 4d. respectively]. Giffin to a stranger of Chaster his wyffe and bairnes 24s.

April 19th.—*Con. Duff and Douglas.*—Mr. Alexander Duff, minister of Godis word at Golspey, ratified promise of mariage to Jean Douglas dochter to umquhile Mr. John Douglas, burges of Elgin.

April 23rd.—Givin to a supplicant from Glasgow 40s.

May 3rd.—*Andersone.*—Johne Andersone, kirk thesaurer, ordeanit to gif four pundis of the buriall silver to the men that bigis the Chanerie kirkyaird dyk.

May 14th.—Ordeans twentie shillingis to be given to tuo men for to go to the Germoche and draw vp the treis from the sea out of the ship to the land for bigging off the queir.

May 17th.—*Cumming.*—Comperit Agnes Cumming and Bessie —— and censureit for danceing on the Sabbath nicht at evin at ten houris on the calsay and promeist not to be found in the lyk offence vnder the paine of the censures off the kirk.

May 19th.—*Petry, Cuik and Grigour.*—Compeirit Alexander Petry, Alexander Cuik, Alexander Grigor and censureit for ryding of the gray meir* ordeanit ilk ane of them to pay a merke being favourit, but the act against it was ten pundis.

Comperit William Dauidsone a stranger come to this toun for certaine slauchter he had commit, ordaines him to mak off this toun not having a testimoniall.

May 24th.—*Brydellis dischargit on Sonday.*—These that wer absent from the kirk wer summondit, being at a landwart brydell, compeirit not, wer poyndit the nixt dyet and wardit 48 hours, and all brydells dischargeit to be on Sonday any tyme heirefter.

Receavit thrie pundis fra tuo men for wanting off the Commandis, going to be marieit, ordaines it to be givin to the folkis that bigis the Channery kirkyaird dyk.

* In the notices of the payment of the fines, called "gay mear."

May 26th.—The preiching to be on the Tysday as beffoire.

To intymat that no brydellis be on a Sabbath day becaus of the distracting of the people fra Godis seruice.

May 28th.—Ordaines to ward Robert Dunbar and John Douglas, officeris, for not presenting the poyndis of these that wer absent fra the kirk and ilk ane of the officeris to pay tuell shillings.

June 2nd.—Christan and Janet Moresonis compeirit and promeist not to go to the wood of Spynnie or any suspect place for if they can be tryit any tyme heirefter they sall stand in the jogis a haill day.

June 12th.—Ordeanis John Andersone kirk thesaurer to gife tuo merks ten shillingis to the men that bigis the kirkyaird dyk and that out of the first end of the officeris fyes as a penalty laid on them for being absent from the sessioun.

June 27th.—Robert Midletoun gave in 48 schillingis for the want of the Comandements afore his mariadge.

July 4th. — *Act.* — It is statute and ordaineit that every ane found louping over the Chanonrie kirkyaird dyk or being ony wayis breaking it doun that they sall pay tuenty schillingis.

Nauchty.—Thomas Nauchty in Dyvelliegrein is become caution for Kathrein Innes his woman that scho sall pay 30s. for the going fra hir mariadge with John Sutherland.

July 18th. — *Innes.* — Thomas Innes, gairdner in the Colledge, summondit, no compeirance. Elspet Chamber declairit scho saw the said Thomas sit on the lytle crose with a stoup and a cap filling drink and casting on them they sittand on ther knyes and morouer declairit he releasit Androw Small fra all censure of the kirk nevertheles of the byschops intymatioun against the same.

July 21st. — *Thomas Innes confessioun.* — Compeirit Thomas Innes, gairdner, for his railing speiches at the lytle crose summondit and confessit that Androw Small, James Bonyman, Androw Gray, —— Seytoun was present ther with him and lykwyse the said Thomas confessit that he sat on the lytle crose about 3 and 4 in the morning and fillit a quart stoup full of aill, they all sittand on their knies and cast the aill ouer their headis in manner of baptizeing them and gave a lybertie to Androw Small to be receavit in all menis company and said, I release the, Androw Small, fra the bishopis horne and all wther menis horne to be the kingis man and the captainis neuertheles of the bishopis intyma-

tioun out of the pulpit that no man suld receave him in the hous because of his ill lyffe quhill he suld bring a testimoniall of his contrair behaviour, vpoun the quhilk the byshope with the consent of the sessioun remited him to the censure of the brethren of the presbetrie and set Thomas Olyphant cautioun to present him on Thursday nixt vnder the paine of xx lib.

Ordaines David Wilsones wyffe to be put to the jogis for hir baning for hir want of a hen and if scho be found in the lyk again banyschment.

Law.—Comperit Margaret Law for selling drink to the sojores efter ten houris of evin and is become actit that scho sall not sell any drink therefter so leat under the payne of ten pundis.

Young.—William Young payit 40s. for want of the Commands.

July 23rd.—Thrittie schillingis ordeanit to gif the sklaiter as drink silver because he hes promeist to get sklaitis for the thicking of the queir.

August 15th.—*Syme.*—James Syme and his wyfe payit 13s. 4d. for absence fra the kirk on Sonday efternoone.

August 18th.—Alexander Russell, Thomas Dauidsone, Robert Martein ordeant to pay ilk ane of them 20s. for travailing to the mercat on the Sabbath day.

Sonday cum aucht dayis to be a publict fast as vse is for the better vinning of the cornes.

August 25th.—*Fast.*—Ordeanis William Gaderer to go with the bell throw the toun to publische a fast on Sonday for the better winning of the frutis of the ground.

September 3rd.—Dauid Ross merchant in this burghe confessit that Johne Schisolme somtyme spous to Barbara Tulloche in this burghe is dead in Ireland being in seruice with ane Thomas Lacok and therefter in seruice with ane Hew Cowan, quhilk was of veritie reportit to him be ane burgis of Glasgow and the Sessioun ordeanis the said Dauid to bring a testificat from that man and therefter to have mariadge.

September 8th.—*Gaderer.*—Allowis 20s. to William Gaderer, officer, for his diligence of bringand in the poyndis of the absentis fra the kirk.

[Collections: September 3rd, £3; 5th, 4s.; 10th, 4s.; 12th, 6s.; 17th, 51s.; 19th, 4s.; 26th, 7s.]

October 6th.—To publische the morne with the bells that Sonday nixt be a day of thanksgiving for the gude suoces of the cornes.

Jonet Alexander ordeanit to pay 6s. for selling drink in tyme of divyne seruice.

October 24th.—No sessioun becaus of the Synode.

October 27th.—*Duffes buriall.*—No sessioun becaus of the buriall of the Laird Duffes being Fryday.

November 3rd.—*Kirk Candle begines.*—The sext of November the candle to be put in the kirk.

November 10th.—*Dolles cheppell.*—Certaine persones of Whytfeild summondit for going to Dolles well to the cheppall superstitiouslie, being bot young creatures comit to ward to affray them no to do the lyk againe.

November 24th.—*Duff.*—Mr. Alexander Duffe, his horse being arreistit for 50 li. for faylyie of his contract of mariadg bound up twixt him and Jean Douglas, summondit, compeirit not. Ordeanit to be wardit quhen he beis found in the toun.

William Cumming, cordinar, is ordeanit to stand in the tolbuith for his drunkinnes at the examination.

Giffin to Emly Robertsone 12s. provyding that scho sall keip the kirk morneing and evening at the prayeris.

November 26th.—David Tarres and his wyfe for drawing burne and playing vort on the Sabbath day ar ordeanit to pay 20s.

November 28th.—John Forsythis wyffe purgeit hir selfe be hir oath that scho drew no burne bot ane fraucht to mak redie hir meat.

John Andersone kirk thesaurer to give 40s. anent Mr. Alexander Andersone burser in Aberdeen.

December 17th.—Communion.*

* From an account of teind for 1626 and 1627 by Nicolas Dunbar, collector for the Bishop, the following "discharge" is taken:—"Item gewin to the communion befor zuill 1626 sewin quartis wyne with xii bread is vii lib. xii s. Item at peasche 1627 zeiris on peasche fyve quartis wyn with aucht bread is v lib. viii s. Item the nixt Sonday therefter fyve quartis wyn with sex bread is v lib. vi s. Item the therd Sonday four quartis wyn with ane mutchkin with sex bread is iiii lib. viii s. vi d. Summa is xxii lib. xiiii s. vi d. Item on the 9 of December 1627 gewin to the communion four quartis wyn with viii bread is v lib. xiiii s. viii d. at ane merk the pint. Item the nixt Sabboth therefter four quartis ane pint wyn with aucht bread is vi lib. viii s. Item on the xi Apryll 1628 to the communion vii bread is vii s. Item on the 19 Apryll and 27 Apryll xiiii bread is xiiii s. Summa of the last accompt is xiii lib. iii s. viii d." (Town Council Papers.)

December 22nd.—*Yuill.*—To admonische all personis on Sonday to cease from all excess and ryott in tyme of Yuill vnder the payne of the actis maid theranent.

December 25th.—Collectouris on Yule day—Patrick Petindreigh, Alexander Innes. Collectit 27s.

December 26th.—Mr. John Guthrie maried be the Chanter.

James Layng and James Johnstone ordeanit to mak the gravis together.

December 29th.—Elspet Murdoche ordeanit not to go furth of the kirk befoir the blessing vnder payne of 40s.

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January 12th.—*Ingland: Law.*—Robert Ingland and Thomas Law summondit to this day, callit, nocht compeirit for raiseing of a buriall in the Chanerie kirk.

Gysseris.—Certaine personis compeirit this day who wer gyseing about Yool, they ar ordeanit to stand ane houre at the jogis and lykwyse to ward 24 houris, or else redeime themselves be payment of 20s.

Robert Kay to be wardit for playing at the futball throw the toun.

January 23rd.—*Russell.*—William Coban actit for his man George Russell that he sall have the Comandis tuixt this and Pasche vnder the paine of 40s.

January 30th.—*Goufferis on the Sabbath.*—Compeirit certain personis aprehendit at the gouff in tyme of divyne seruice.

February 13th.—Androw Annand directit to give tuo schipbrokin men ane merk.

February 20th.—*Beggers.*—Robert Sinklar and Marioric Watsone payit ilk ane of them halffe a merke for resett of strange beggeris in tyme of publict markatis.

February 23rd.—*Maver payit.*—Janet Maver, spous to James Syme, payit 40 d. for hir being fra the kirk on Tuysday.

March 2nd.—*Gadderer.*—William Gadderer to wait better on the Ile dore on preiching and sessioun dayis becaus of bairnes coming in to break the stone work of the tombe.

March 16th.—*Officeris sworne.*—The officeris sworne that they reveiled no wordis that was spokin in the sessioun to James Douglas nor no other in ther name.

March 23rd.—Collectit being gud Fryday 29s. The said day the Bischop come home. The Magistratis are ordeanit to visite the morne.

March 27th.—*Mertein and Reid.*—Elspet Mertein and Jonet Reid compeirit for playing on the casa at ten houris at evin on a fasting day. Ordeanis them to ward 24 houris, or else redeime themselues be payment off sex schillingis.

Russell payit.—David Russell payit 20s. to Johne Anderson for want of the Commandis.

April 3rd.—*Donaldson.*—Thomas Donaldsone quat of his cautiounrie of Androw Geddes for the want of the Comandis becaus the said Androw compeirit and said them.

April 7th.—*Act: Gipsone, Innes payit.*—Compeirit Alexander Gipsone and James Innes for taking jorney to the south on the Sabbath day before the efternonis preiching was begun. They ar ordeanit every ane of them to pay 40s. to the puire, and siclyk all utheris breakeris of the said day being apprehendit sall pay the said penalty or greater as the sessioun sall think meit.

April 13th.—*Kinnaird: Lesly and his wyff: Hamyltoun.*—James Kinnaird compeirit for not communicating, gave in his excuse that his affairs hinderit him the first tuo days, and being of purpose to have come the last day ther came doun a defluction in his fit that he micht not come. Compeirit Stevin Leslie and his wyff for not communicating, gave in his excuse that he got boasting wordis fra Georg Donaldsone and that his wyfe was not weill. Siclyke comperit Margaret Hamilton and said scho was not weill, for scho micht neither taste wyne nor ony strong drink till scho be delyuerit of hir birth.

Cannon : Brody.—Comperit Issoble Cannon and Jonet Brody, seruant to William Lesly, for ther scalding on the gait on ane Communion Sonday efternone. They ar ordeant to go to the jogis on Seterday before noon, and stand ther betuixt nyne houris and elevin, or else redeime themselves be payment of four merks.

April 20th.—*Purse.*—Compeirit George Purse and is ordeant to pay 40d. for his playing at the bouls in tyme of preiching.

April 27th.—Compeirit George Robertsone and said he culd not come to the kirk to communicat becaus he had not haill cloths.

James Stronoche payit 6s. 8d. for drinking in tym of preiching.

May 1st.—Comperit Jean Lesly spous to Robert Gordoun in the Aldmilnes for not communicating and said that scho and Adam Gordouns wyff was not at ane and scho sould communicat when they wer agried.

May 8th.—*Act.*—Ordeanis ane elder to visite throw the toun vpon the Tysday becaus of the rare convention of the touns folks that ther be no buiths open in tyme of sermon.

June 12th.—*Geddes payit 18s.*—William Geddes payit auchtein schillingis for vant of the Commands befoire his mariadge.

June 15th.—The officers ar ordeant to commit William Nauchtie to ward till he pay tuentie schillingis for the reset off a banischeit woman callit Agnes Watt.

July 3rd.—John Man in Blakhillis payit 24s. for the vant of the Commandis befor his mariadge.

July 6th.—Issoble Vischeart adultress with Wm. Bailzie is ordeanit to stand at the kirk dore from the first bell to the last and therefter to come to the piller every Sabbath till scho be sufficientlie humbleit.

July 13th.—Elspet Russell and Margaret Nicoll for calling each other witches ordeanit to stand at the joggis twixt nyne houris and elevin or else releive themselffis be payment of 40s. John Andersone grantis him receavit a plaid from ilk ane of the forsaid vomen till scho pay 40s.

Alexander Innes, cordinar, payit 40s. for Androw Donaldsone his man for vant of the Commands befor his mariadge, for the quhilk Alexander became cautioner.

July 15th.—*Law.*—James Law hes gottin Hallowmes to pay aucht punds betuixt the dait heiroff and that tyme for the gras of the Channerie kirkyaird in this present yeir and lykvyse he is obleist to vphold the dykis theroff.

July 27th.—*Hosak.*—Comperit John Hosak, a litle boy, for breaking a ladis head on the Sabbath day, wherfor it is ordeanit that ane of the officeris have him to the tolbuith and belt him for his fault.

August 3rd.—*Superstitious personis at the well.*—Compeirit Issoble Car, seruitrix to William Lesly, summondit to this day being delait to the session for going supersticiously to a vell at Spey syde, confessit

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scho yeid out of the toun about aucht of cloke at night and sex in her company, viz. Kathrein Dunbar, Agnes Lesly, Agnes Grant, Jonet Gordon, Elspet Hay. Scho saw their Margaret Caddell with James Caddell his woman callit Margaret Flytter and Alexander Troup. All these confessit be ther avne depositioun that they kneillit about the Chappell and drank of the vater except Alexander Troup, he did not kneill bot he drank of the vater and the rest moveit him so to do.

August 10th.—*Man: Shand.*—Johne Man and Alexander Schand have delait these personis efter following for being at the vell at Speyside supersticiouslie inclyneit: Beatrix Cuy, Margaret Innes, Jonet Schand, Robert Malice, Elspet Schoche, Jean Schoche, Meikle Thomas Watsone, Jonet Byris, —— Forteith in Achtertyre. The said John Man and Alexander Schand are ordeant *apud acta* to present them being warneit vnder payne of 40 lib. and they have gotten till efter the harvest till present them, haveing earnestly desyreit the samein.

Gudvyfe Arcany.—Compeirit the gudvyffe of Arcany being suspect to have bein at the vell and cleirit hir selffe be hir oath as scho suld ansuer to God scho said scho was not ther at all bot scho rode by it about 12 yeirs ago and said scho was also willing to keip the kirk as any voman quhatsumever.

August 14th.—*Act.*—It is ordanit that every elder admonische their quarters severallie becaus of the raire conventioun of the Tuysdayis preiching that quhosoever sall have ane buith dore opine in tyme of dyvyne service salbe poyndit in halffe a merk.

August 19th.—Convenit Mr. Thomas Craig, Mr. Dauid Philp absent, my Lord Bischope at the Conventioun. Collectit 48s.

August 26th.—No conventioun becaus of the buriall of Jean Lesly. Collectit 51s.

September 11th.—*Innes and Inche payit 40s.*—William Innes in Pluscarty and John Inche ther ordanit to pay 20s. for their working on the Sabbath day the ane setting on a mill the other for spreding of muck, and actit not to do the lyk againe vnder payne of 5 lib. ilk ane.

September 14th.—Margaret Measone and Margaret Chrysty for scolding on the calsay ar ordanit to go to the jogis the morne tuixt ten and twell houris.

October 23rd.—*Act: Superstitious persons: Troup.*—All these that yeid to the vell at Speyside and vseit any kynd off superstitious rites as

kneilling about the cheppel, praying to our Ladie and drinking of the vater of the vell, they ar ordanit to stand thrie Sabbath dayis at the piller in tyme off divyne seruice barefoote and in sackclothe and that they furneische the said sackclothe to themselvis and by and attour that they pay 40s. of their guidis to the pure and suche as vold redeim themselvis ar ordanit to pay ten merkis money and actit themselvis vnder the payne of tuentie pundis neuer to vse any more suche superstitious rites ever heirefter. Alexander Troup ordanit to pay 40s. He denyit that he did kneill bot yeid of intent to sie who was there and tuik a drink of the vater and thrist compellit him so to do and set cautioun not to do the lyk againe.

October 26th.—The bell is ordeant to go throw the toun the morne for to declair that thankisgiving be on Sonday nixt for the gud succes of the cornes ingathered.

November 2nd.—*Kirk.*—Mr. Dauid [Philp] is ordeant to go with the provest to the Ladie Latheris to advertise hir to keip vaterticht the south ile of the kirk.

Receavit folkis bein at the vell.—Elspet Hay, Agnes Grant, Jonet Gordoun, Issoble Car receavit fra the piller for going to the cheppell at Speysyde.

November 20th.—*Cheppell.*—Margaret Varrand confessit hir going to the cheppell, deponit she saw there Jonet Duncan [and six others].

December 2nd. — Convenit Bischope, the minister and elderis, the bischope off Aberdein heir the said day.

December 7th. — *Intymatioun.* — William Gadderer, kirk officer, ordeant to go throw the toun with the bell to intymate that no persone by nor sell the morne fra ane efternoone furth bot that they attend the preparatioun sermoun gainst Sonday nixt.

December 14th.—Convenit minister, Mr. John Hay, Nicolas Dunbar, William Torry.

Moreis and Vatt.—Ordeanis that James Douglas voman Moreis and Agnes Vat be put avay with the bell the morne being Setterday the preparatioun day befor the Communioun.

The magistrats to visite and that all cease from vork be ane efternoone and attend the sermon.

December 18th.—*Act: Moreis and Watt.*—Jonet Moreis and Agnes Vatt ar both ordeant to be banischit with the bell and whosoeuer salbe found to receave any off them in ther housis sall pay ten pundis.

December 21st.—To publische on Sonday that no abuse nor ryoting be found in thir solemne dayis of Yuile vnder the paine containd in the actis.

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January 15th.—*Bill Alschinder contra Philp.*—Alexander Alschinder gave in a bill of complaint against Jonet Philp wher the said Jonet callit him common theiff. The bill was provin wherfor scho is decernit to stand at the pillar with a paper on hir head for the said sclander.

January 22nd.—*Ross actit.*—Barbara Rose in Elgin is actit if scho beis found banning on the streitis scho sall pay 20s.

Lesly payit.—Robert Hardy payit fyve merks for Agnes Lesly hir going to the cheppell well.

Schand.—Alexander Schand ordeant to pay fyve merks for his wyff hir going to the cheppell or else present hir to the piller.

Innes.—Robert Gordon cautioner for Martha Innes that scho sall pay 40s. or go to the piller for hir going to the cheppell.

February 3rd.—*Lady Duffes seat.*—A seat grantit to the Ladie Duffes before hir dask.

February 8th.—*Chalmber payit.*—Comperit Robert Chalmber for calling leadis to the mill on the Sabbath day, he is ordeant to pay 2 merks and to sit in his seat on Sonday vnder the loft and answer when the minister calleth and crave the congregatioun mercie for his fault of the break of the Sabbath.

February 10th.—Alexander Petry payit ten merkis for James Caddellis dochter for hir going to the cheppell.

February 22nd.—*Imloche 10 merks.*—Georg Imloche, vricht, is ordanit to get ten merkis for making ane bear to the pur folkis.

Granted to George Ker vpon his petitioun the vse of tuentie merks till Lambes vpon a sufficient pane laid doun worth the money, and if not redeimed at the said terme of Lambes the wed to be sichtit and sold.

February 29th.—*Bonyman pro 4°.*—Margaret Bonyman summondit *pro 4°*, comperit, scho is ordeant to be present at the presbetrie on Thursday to swear and subscryve the articles.

William Layng to keip the pure of the streits.

March 16th.—*Soutter and Nicoll payit.*—David Soutter and William Nicoll ordeant to stand at the piller on Sonday nixt barefute and pay 40s. ilk ane of them for break of the Sabbath in threshing in a barne.

March 21st.—*Archibald.*—William Archibald for his sclander gainst William Coban in calling him tarvaill is ordanit to go to the piller and stand their with the mytter on his head.

April 1st.—*Breakers of the Sabbath payit.*—Elspet Annand [and three other women] ordeant to pay 40s. or else publictly in the kirk on Sonday stand vp befor the Bischop and confess ther fault of the break of the Sabbath in drinking the tyme of the efternoonis preiching, quhilk fourtie schillingis they presently payit and actit vnder payne of fyve pundis never to be found in the lyk againe.

April 4th.—This day aucht dayis quhilk is gude Fryday befor Pasche to be a day of preiching lykvyse Seterday therefter the preparation sermon to the Communion.

April 29th.—*Neill payit.*—Patrik Neill payit 20s. for his bairnes buriall in the kirk.

Androw Annand to gif sex schillingis, quhilk John Elgin hade, to a puire bairne, John Strachan, quho is heavily diseasit, for they think that John Elgin may now seik for his avne meat.

May 9th.—*Ordinance: Churcheyarde.*—James Law, herauld, gaif in a complaint vpoun sundry people in the Colledge who puts in ther nolt and scheip in the churcheyarde to pasture ther and mairouer they vse prophane games therin to the great abuse off the said place wherfore heirefter ilk persone or persones that sall be found abuseing the said place to any lascivious vse or if ther gudis be fund therin they sall be censureit accordinglie, being complanit on be ony elder.

William Gadderer, kirk officer, is ordeant to go throw the toun with the bell intymating to ilk persone quho salbe found in the Chanerie kirkyaird danceing or louping or futeballing they sall pay a merk.

Pure.—The pure of the role to be sichtit to sie who is meit to be taine in and who to pute out.

May 16th.—*Sclander.*—Marjory Gray spous to Thomas Scheipheard in Manbeans and Jonet Hay there for sclander twixt them selffis in calling others vitche ar ordeant to go presently to ward and ther remaine till the morne at nyne houris at quhilk tyme they shall go to the jogis and ther stand 2 houris for ther sclandering of otheris.

May 22nd.—*Contract.*—Dauid Murray, maister of the musick schoole and reider at Elgin, ratified promise of mariadge to Jonet Grant in the parosche of Spynnie, laufull dochter to umquhill Grigor Grant of Gartinmore and set John Mill in Elgin cautioun for performance vnder paine of I^{C}. pundis.

May 23rd. — To intymate from the pulpit on Sonday that no men or women seruants be found furth out of ther masters houses efter nyne houris at nicht without a laufull eirand and especially vpon the Sabbath day and that under paine of the hardest censures of the kirk.

June 6th.—*Innes.*—Walter Innes to keip the kirk fra this furth vnder the paine of 20s. ilk day according to the Act of Parliament without he be found to have ane relevant excuse.

Reid and his vyff at piller.—John Reid and his vyffe ar ordeant to stand at the piller for being out of the kirk on ane day of publick fast efternoone in ane hostadge drinking and lykvyse John Forsythis vyffe for reset of them and giveing them drink.

June 22nd.—*Layng and Johnstoun sworne.*—James Layng and James Johnston to be present heir on Tysday nixt to give their oath of veritie at quhat tyme they sall know any horse in the Channerie kirkyard that they sall reveill the same to the sessioun.

July 14th.—Thomas Warrand burgis of Forres, sone to vmquhill James Warrand burgis ther, ratified promise of mariage to Margaret Douglas dochter to vmquhill Mr. John Douglas burgis of Elgin.

July 18th.—*Rait payit.*—John Rait payit 20s. for vant of the Commands before his mariadge.

August 8th.—*Pure.*—The pure to be sichted that the veak be inroleit to receave of ther alms and the strong to be put out.

September 5th.—*Gordoun not to teache bairnes in this toun.*—Compeirt Christan Gordoun and Jonet Abernethie hir dochter and prohibite to tak any bairnes to teach within this toun, ordeant be the presbetrie and the authoritie of this seat to decist therfra vnder the pains of the censures of the kirk.

September 28th.—*Laws 450 merks.*—Receavit from James Law 450 merkis of silver pertaining to the hospitall and delyverit to Nicolas Dunbar in his hand.

John Purse sones to be summonded for fischeing on the vater in tyme of dyvine seruice.

[Collections: September 7th, £3 9s.; 9th, 5s.; 14th, 57s.; 16th, 4s. 8d.; 21st, 39s.; 23rd, 4s. 4d.; 28th, 40s.]

October 21st.—*Johnstoun and Layng.*—Comperit James Johnstoun and James Layng and ar ordanit vnder all hiest paine that they raise nocht an stane that hes bein vpon ancient burialls to gif to any to put above ther corpes and that they keip the kirk and kirkyaird frie of all bestiall to remaine within them othervayis they salbe censured.

It is ordanit that no inhabitant within this burghe tak vpon them to set houses to any strangeris specially to single vomen without that first he advertise an elder of the quarter and that they bring the testimoniall wherefra they came and that vnder paine of loseing of their hous meall.

November 18th.—*Act.*—It is ordanit be the minister and elders that it be intymat on Sonday nixt that no buithe dore be found opine in tyme of the Tysdayis sermone.

November 25th.—*Complane.*—Alexander Lesly gave in a complaint against Marjory Forbes and hir voman, Agnes Smyth, for being from the kirk in tyme of divyne seruice and also that they steall his kell and his peits wherefor they are ordeant both to go to the joggis, hir voman to be banisched on Setterday nixt, bot hir selff, be hir avne consent, in hope scho will nocht do such lyke againe is relaxit from vard.

November 28th.—*Innes summondit.*—Ordanis Walter Innes to be summondit for to present his two cotteris for the buriall of a bairne out of the kirkyaird.

December 5th.—*Ane band of 500 merks off Kirk money givin out.*—500 merkis off money belonging to the hospitall given out upon band to John Innes of Leuchars, principall, and Robert Gibsone of Linkvoode as cautioner.

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January 9th.—*Griger sadler payit.*—Alexander Grigar, saddler, is ordeant for his neglect of the Communion to pay two merkis and if he sall be fond absent againe he sall pay ten pundis.

February 17th.—*Hamilton.*—Comperit Margaret Hamiltoun, scho said that scho vold keip the kirk, but scho vold nocht communicat. The Session thinkis gude that scho be advyseit with the articles, and therefter

if scho conforme nocht to hear and communicat scho salbe processit and no more curtesie schowit vnto hir.*

February 20th.—*Examinatioun.*—To intimate the examinatioun of the landvart to be ilk Tysday, Wedinsday, Thursday, Fryday at the ringing of the bell at ane efternoone, and that they compeir every houshold as they salbe varned vnder the pains of the actis.

Andersone actit.—Alexander Anderson confessit his fault of rasche speiches gainst George Scherar how that he was nocht his avne man when he spak them and is content to be actit that he sall nocht offend him euer heirefter in vord or deed.

February 27th.—To intymate on Sonday nixt that no taverner whatsumeuer that ventis vyne, bear or aill within this burghe tak vpon him to sell ether vyne, bear or aill efter ten houris at nicht to any persone or persones, except in cace of necessitie to seik folkis, vthervayis the byer alsveill as the seller sall pay fyve pundis, besydis the punischment of ther bodies.

March 24th.—*Car actit.*—Issobel Car, seruant to Mr. Dauid Philp, minister, for hir byding out of hir masters hous vnder silence of nicht efter ten houris at nicht scho is vardit 24 houris and sall pay 20s. if scho be found to do the lyk again and vardit also.

* A stent was imposed "for the queir in *anno* 1620" (see p. 163 *supra*), and another was "imposit wpone the takismen of the teynd schewis of the perochin of Elgin for outredding and theiking of the queir of Elgin upon the xvii day of August 1626 zeirs," which at "tuelff pundis sex s. 8d. for ilk chalder of the saids teynd schewis" extended to iij^{c}xi lib. iiij s. x d. February 23rd, 1629, "convenit within the southe Iyll of Sanct Jeillis Kirk John, Bishope of Murray, William Innes of Mayne, Mr. Gawin Douglas, provest of Elgin, Mr. John Hay, Commissar of Murray, Mr. David Philp, minister at Elgin, and James Farquharsone of Kelles anent sklaitting of the queir and making of durris and windowis. They find the personage of Elgin extends to 30 chalders and 6 pecks victual and they find it necessar to uplift of euerie chalder victual of the saidis teynd schevis 9 lib." The heritors of the teind sheaves were John, Bishop of Murray for Littill and Mekill Innerlochtie, Greischop landis and croftis of Elgin and Langmorgan; John Urquhart of Latheris for Mostowie and Quhytfeild; Alexander Innes of Coittis for Blackhillis; Mr. Gawin Douglas for Over and Nether hauch of Manbeins; Mr. John Innes of Cockstoune for Clackmarres, Thornhill and Eister Quhytwray; James Douglas of Pettindreich for Pettindreich, Diwelligrein and Boigsyid; William Innes of Mayne for Mayne; Patrick Gibson for Pannis and Channon Crofts; James Farquharson of Kelless for Kelless; John Leslie of Aikenway for Milton of Quhytwray. A deduction was given to the Bishop of "4 chalders victual yearlie allowed to Mr. David Philp minister at Elgin for his stipend" (Town Council Papers).

March 31st.—*Steuart.*—The minister and a elder is ordeant to go till Androw Steuart, alias Vandring Knicht, and advertise him that he liue ordinatlie and behave himselff discreitlie othervyse that he remove himselff of this toun.

April 5th.—*Pasche day.*—The Communion celebrat be the Bischope. Collected £12 12s.

April 10th. — The officeris ar ordanit to aprehend William Cuke, messenger, and commit him to vard or else they salbe vardit for him.

April 17th.—*Act.*—It is ordeant that nane within this toun receave ane adulterer man or voman to their seruice vnder paine of transgressing of the actis and to be censured, for whosoeuer salbe found to fall the 2 tyme in adulterie salbe banischeit for euer.

Act.—It is statute and ordeant be the elderis of the Session that whoever sall burie within the Channerie kirk without leave askit and givin from the seat that ilk persone sall pay 40s. and ilk bairne 20s. for to help the pure.

April 24th.—*Purse.*—Johne Purse for making a grave at his avne hand to Alexander Tarres bairne payit 8 schillingis, and givin to Lang Androw to help him.

May 5th.—*Innes.*—John Innes, sone to Androw Innes, for dinging his mother is ordeant to be vardit and puttin to the joggis.

May 8th. — *Con. tuixt Grant and Gordoun.* — Archibald Grant, appeirand of Kinnermony, ratified promise of mariage to Issoble Gordoun, laufull dochter to vmquhill John Gordoun of Leichestoun.

May 22nd.—Compeirt James Ross in the Aldmillis and culd not say that he vas in the kirk sex seueral Sabbathis since Mertimes, quherfor he is ordanit to pay 5 merks to the puire and to set catioun to keip the kirk heirefter.

May 26th.—James Mill is become catioun for George Vatsone that he sall go to the kirk of Spynny and ther sit a day on the stule without ether ruff, ouerlay or handkuffs about him and confes his fault of fornicatioun because he cam the Sabbath before not being penitent.

June 1st. — *Con. tuixt Grant and Stewart.* — William Grant of Kirdailis ratified promise of mariage to Jean Steuart, lauchfull dochter to ane noble Lord, James, Lord of Sant Combe and set Alex^r. Innes notter in Elgen cautioun for performance of thair mariage vnder pane of I^C. libs. and for abstinence till thair mariage be perfyted.

June 5th.—Assignation of ane band of £330 from John Innes of Leuchers to Androw Annand, thesaurer of the burgh of Elgin.

[On front flyleaf of this volume and in the same hand that wrote the note to Vol. III. (p. 132, *supra*), is this note:—

"This volum contains the proceedings in Session from June 14th 1629 to May 24th 1640 inclusive under the ministry of Mr. John Guthrie, minister at Edinburgh, made Bishop of Moray in 1623, Mr. David Philp, minister at Elgin who dyed 1632, Dr. Johne Gordon, minister at Elgin, admitted anno 1633, and deposed by the Synod of Moray in May 1639, and the said bishop being deposed by the General Assembly 1638 the church of Elgin continued without a minister till the 24th day of September 1640, which day Mr. Gilbert Ross was admitted minister at Elgin."]

June 14th.—George Gordoun and Marjory Bonyman his spous ar excommunicat for ther disobedience to the voyce of the kirk.

Hepburne receavit.—Girsell Hepburne at the piller and confessit hir fault in brewing aill vpon the Sabbath day and craved God and the congregation pardoun for hir offence.

June 19th. — *Troup and Doulie.* — Alexander Troup, sadler, and Alexander Innes, Doulie, ar admonisched for sitting in the visitoures seat and give they sit there againe, except they be visitouris sall pay ilk ane halfe a merk.

Donaldsone.—George Donaldsone to pay ten merkis quhensoeuer he deforces the officers againe.

Wilsone.—William Vilsone for reset of mens servantis vnder nicht upon the Sabbath day is ordanit to vard till nicht and pay a merk.

Lesly.—William Lesly is ordanit to persew his decreit of remoueing against Margaret Gordoun, ane excommunicat persone, that scho get not hous nor harberie within this burghe.

June 23rd.—*Norie cursing Stronoche.*—Kathrein Norie accusit for cursing Alexander Stronoche. He being diseasit suspectit the said Kathrein of his disease throw hir great curseing of him. He required hir oath whether or no scho curseit him villinglie or for what cause, but the Sessioun thought that the pairtie is nocht holdin to sueare to hir avne hinderance in any actioun against hirselffe, bot scho villinglie sayis that scho sall go home to his hous and say before him that ony ill scho vold

haue cuming vpon him that it returne back upon hir selffe, schewing that scho bearis no ill vill touardis him.

June 26th.—*Law payit 10 merkis.*—James Law payit ten merkis for the last yeiris grase of the Channerie kirkyaird.

June 30th.—*Vinster deforceing the officer.*—Marjory Winster for deforceing the officer when he vas directed to poynd for hir absence from the session is ordanit to go to vard till scho set cautioun to pay 40s. for hir disobedience.

Ordanis to give the Frensche minister fyve merkis.

July 10th.—Margaret Gillanderis for curseing John Moutra at the Coble of Moristoun is ordanit to ask him forgiuenes and is actit if euer scho be found to curse the said Johne or his bairnes scho salbe joggit and banischt.

July 14th.—*Gilzean.*—Alexander Gilzean for byding fra the eftirnonis sermoun on Sonday last is ordeant to pay 20s.

July 17th.—William Gaderer is ordanit to tak the clothis fra the voman in the beid hous, and that they be furthcumand to the pure.

July 21st.—*Stewart.*—Compeirt Kathrein Steuart, spous to John Andersone in this burghe, and confessit hir going to the well at Speysyde. Isoble Cannon was with hir and Agnes Grant. Referis their censure to a fuller Sessioun.

July 24th.—Kelless hes taine in hand to present his man Patrik Gow to censure him for his trouting on the Sabbath day.

July 28th.—*Layng and Johnstoun Buriers.*—James Layng and James Johnstoun being complaned on be a pure man who hade nothing to give them for making of his bairns buriall, they ar ordeant to tak nothing fra such persones, bot the Sessioun sall pay them therfor, and give suche lyk compleant cum to our ears againe vpon any of them they salbe depryved of ther office.

July 31st.—*Gaderer.*—William Gaderer hes intrometit with nyne elnes of linning cloth left be a voman in the hospitall. He is ordeant to mak it furthcumand to any vse according to the Sessions will.

Fast.—Wm. Gaderer is ordeant to go throw the toun and publische the fast on Sonday cum aucht dayis for a blessing to the frutis of the ground.

August 4th.—*Bonyman and Yong.*—James Bonyman and Jonet Yong, his spous, summondit for nocht keiping the Sabbath day.

August 18th.—*Personis summondit.*—To sumond Alexander Nachty [and three others] for seting on the mill vpon Sonday last.

August 21st.—*Innes : Jamesone : Gordoun : Annand.*—George Innes, skinner, is ordeant to present his man who was suspect of the break of the Sabbath in carieing laids upon horse. Siclyk Nicoll Jamesone for laying on laids upon Sonday last at seven houris. Siclyk Robert Gordoun for sending his men with laids vpon the Sabbath. To summond them all. Andrew Annand tuke Tysday nixt to present the millers of the Aldmills for putting on ther mills vpon the Sabbath day.

August 28th.—*Intsche 5 li. : Nicoll 5 li.*—John Intsche confessit his valk mill to be ganging upon the Sabbath day wherefore he is ordanit to pay fyve pundis. Alexander Nicoll confessit the samein and censureit in fyve pundis.

September 11th.—*Nauchtyis confessioun.*—Compeirt Cristan Nauchty and confessit scho was three seuerall tymes away, ilk tyme aucht dayis away, and scho was taine away with a wind and knew no man bot Johne Mowtra and ane Packman quho wer dead lang ago, and that they two strak hir. Scho confessit ther wer ma in hir cumpany quhom scho kend no, aboue ane hundreth. Ther faces seimed whyt and as lane but ther backis wer boss lyk fidles.

September 18th.—*Jamesone payit.*—Nicoll Jamesone payit 40d. for laying on of laids on Sonday befor the sone ryseing.

September 22nd.—*Catenoche payit 40s.*—Alexander Catenoche, miller at Bogesyde, is ordeant to pay 40s. for setting of his mill before the sone ryseing upon the Sabbath day.

October 2nd. — *Brander : Chalmer.* — James Brander, miller at Langmorne, and James Chalmer, miller at Blackhills, purgeit themselffis that their mills yeid not vpon Sonday.

William Mckinyie is ordeant to pay 24s. for reset of packis befor the sone set vpon ane Sabbath nicht at evin.

The elders nominat for the year incuming.

Gordoun payit. — James Gordon, miller at Mostowy, to pay 40s. for the ganging of his mill upon the Sabbath day.

October 13th. — *Gipsone with Nory.* — Comperit Wm. Gipsone, fornicatour with Margaret Nory, is ordeant to pay 10 merks of penalty and fulfill his repentance.

Purse cautioun for Man.—John Purse is cautioun for William Man

that he sall say the Comandementis perfytly weill efter his mariage or else pay 40s.

October 20th. — *Gaderer: Candle.* — This nicht William Gaderer is ordeant to begin and give candle to the kirk, sex candle ilk nicht.

October 27th.—*Wisitouris on Tysday.*—It is ordanit that there be two wisitoris to wisite vpon the Tysday becaus ther is such rare conventioun of the people to the sermon, that there be no buith doris found opin in tyme of sermon, but that they resort to the kirk vnder paine of the actis of the kirk.

Neill. — Patrick Neill for troubleing the toun vnder nicht in the ailhous after ten houris is ordeant to pay a merk.

Cuming and Andersone.— Jonet Cuming and Helen Andersone for ther turbulant speiches vnder silence of nicht in the ailhous to pay 4s. and ward till nicht.

October 30th.—*Blakhils people.*—The people of Blakhills ar ordeant to keip the kirk better vnder paine of 20s.

Findlay and Troup. — Agnes Troup for fornicatioun with James Findlay in Pendreiche ordeant to be banischt throw the toun and give scho beis found heir againe scho salbe brunt vpon the cheik and dowkit. He is ordeant to satisfie at Aberlour.

For. Wysman.—Patrik Wysman set cautioun that he sall go to the Chantor to the parosche of Alves and ther satisfie for his fault of fornicatioun.

Layng acted.—James Layng is ordeant for taking a kist out of a bairnes grave and giving it to another that he sall ward 48 hours, and if he do the lyk againe he salbe banischt and never beir office within this burgh.

November 6th.—*Wisite on Tysday.*—Ilk two officers day about ar ordaint to tak two elderis with them and wisite on Tysday.

November 10th. — *Cuy.* — William Cuy set William Walker in the Grein cautioun for him that he sall come in gainst this day eight dayis and say the Commandis and pay 20s. for want of them befor his mariage.

Thomas Burgie payed 30s. for the want of the Commands befor his mariage.

December 20th. — *Gyseing.* — Intymatioun made that ther be no gyseing nor any other supersticious rites be vsed about the Yule tyme under the payne conteynd in the actis.

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January 22nd. — *Gyssing: Innes, Sutherland 40s., Innes 20s.* — Alexander Innes, "Doucie," purgit himselff be his oath that he was frie of any gyseing about Yule. William Sutherland, merchant, confessit himselff to have been gyseing in womenis habite about the Yule tyme, ordeans him to pay 40s. Alexander Innes, litster, confessit gyseing with a false beard at Yule tyme, quherfor he is ordeant to pay tuenty shillings.

Angus 50s.—Comperit John Angus for the break of promise of mariage to Kathrein Innes with whom he was contracted. Ordeans him to pay 30s. to the pure and 20s. to the woman partie becaus scho alledgis scho deburseit no les on ther contract.

January 24th. — *Gordoun and Bonyman.* — George Gordoun and his wyff Marjory Bonyman wer loused fra ther excommunication be Mr. Dauid Philp minister of Elgin.

January 26th.—Compeirt Dauid Ross and voluntarlie gave his oath that he was at the buriall of ane John Schisme quho was husband to Barbara Tulloche within this toun and that he coft a winding sheit to the said vmquhill John being his freind and hapenit to be thair for the tyme, quherfor the elders thocht scho was frie to marie with quhom scho will becaus that it is manifest that it is sextein yeires since the said John yeid from him.

January 29th. — *Troup.* — Alexander Troup, saidler, for his gyseing about Yuill is ordenit to pay 40s.

February 2nd. — *Hardy payit 26s. 8d.* — Issoble Hardie, who was contracted with John Andersone, becaus scho is gon back fra hir promise is ordeant to pay two merkis and ward 24 houris.

Robertsone.—William Robertsone, sone lawfull to John Robertsone, was delait as a gyser. He is admonished be the minister give he beis found in any louse misbehaviour heirefter he salbe strictlie censured.

February 4th. — *Con. Stronoche and Syme.* — Androw Stronoche, portioner of Finfan within the paroschein of Urquhart, ratified promise of mariage to Jonet Syme, laufull dochter to umquhill James Syme, burges of Elgin.

February 5th. — James Wattie, James Mitchell, James Walker, gyssers, ar ilk ane ordeant to pay halfe a merk.

February 12th. — *Examinatiounis landuart.* — To intymate the examinatiounis for the landuart to begin the nixt oulk ilk day at ane efternoone at the ringing of the bell.

Taylyeour payit 26s. 8d. — James Taylyeour for louseing of the promise of his contract with Jonet Dasone is decernit to pay tuo merkis.

February 16th.—*Angus payit 50s.*—John Angus for break of promise of marriage to Jonet Dasone is decernit to pay 50s. to the pure.

February 19th. — Alexander Troup saidler for his gyseing at Yule, although he was decerned to pay 40s. yit becaus he was never found in the lyk before, they haue taine bot 20s. fra him.

Patersone for. with Lesly.—Comperit Issoble Patersone and confessit fornicatioun with George Lesly brother germane to William Lesly of Arcanny, hir 2 fault wherfor scho is decerned to pay four merks penaltie and repentance. George Lesly confessit and is decerned to pay fyve merks.

February 23rd. — *Act anent the fische vyfis.* — It is ordeant that ilk ane of the officeris oulk about attend vpoun the fische mercat that their be no bying nor selling of fische in tyme of prayeris or preaching.

February 26th.—*Tarres and Murray.*—Helen Tarres is ordeant to be put to the joggis the morne in tyme of the mercat for sclandering of Christan Murray.

March 5th.—*Fast.*—Sonday cum aucht dayis to be a day of fast before the Communion.

March 14th.—A fasting day. Collected £3 10s.

March 20th.—Collected 20s.

March 21st.—First day of Communion. Collected £6 5s. 4d.

March 23rd.—Collected 7s.

March 26th.—Gude Fryday. Collected 25s.

March 27th.—The preparation sermon. Collected 26s.

March 28th. — Pasche day, second day of Communion. Collected £8 16s.

March 30th.—Paull Dunbar ordeant to present his sone for boasting of the beddell of the kirk vpoun the Sabbath day last.

April 4th.—Last day of Communion. Collected £7 12s. 8d.

May 4th.—*Generall Act.*—It is ordanit that no persone whatsumeuer sall get the benefite of mariage except they keip the preiching or prayeris for such publict affaires befor they receiv the benefite and that

they wait on to attend the tyme and that wnder payne of 40s. and mair as the persones are of worth.

May 14th.—*Act: Kirkyaird.*—William Layng, kirk thesaurer, wndertakis to pay ten merkis yeirly for the grase of the Channery kirkyaird and caus hold up the dykis so that no kind of bestiall be found within it wnder payne off 20s. the head.

May 28th. — *Layng takisman of the kirkyaird yeir 1630.* — Ordanis William Layng as takisman of the Channery kirkyaird to summond Archibald Law or otheris quhom he suspectis to eat the grase of the said yaird to the Consistorie and thair get out the extract of the act maid theranent, that order may be tane therwith as accordis.

June 1st.—*Hosak 6s. 8d.*—Christan Hosak, spous to Walter Smyth, is decernit to pay halfe a mark for hir loud speiches in the kirk in tyme of divyne seruice.

John Ferare and Margaret Johnstoun his spous ar ordeant both to be at the piller on Sonday nixt and ther mak a confessioun of ther fault, he for a drunkard and scho for curseing John Spence in the Grein.

July 2nd.—*Corser and Moutra.*—Agnes Moutra and Agnes Corser, hir dochter, ordanis them both to be brocht in and put to the joggis for their sclander and their banning and curseing on Seterday nixt.

Con. tuixt Innes and Sutherland. — Walter Innes, apeirand of Mayne, ratified promise of mariage to Margaret Sutherland, relict of umquhill Johne Schischolme of Straglase.

Con. tuixt Sutherland and Innes. — James Sutherland, son to umquhill James Sutherland of Kinstarie, ratified promise of marriage to Barbara Innes, dochter to William Innes of Mayne.

July 16th. — *Purse, McWaty, Fumester payit.* — Georg Purse, James McWatty, Alexander Fumester for ther playing at the futeball on the Sabboth nicht at evin throw the calsay ar ordeant ilk ane of them to pay 6s. 8d.

Inglands confessioun. — Comperit Robert Ingland and confessit he cast a slap in the Channery kirkyaird dyke at his maisters comand and put in four horse therin contraveining the actis of the session quhilk is 20s. ilk beast.

July 20th.—No sessioun nor preaching becaus all the town was at the puting of the centries of the bridge.

July 27th.—No session becaus of the mercat Sant James day.

July 30th.—*Andersone.*—Compeirit Margaret Andersone and being askit quhy scho stayit out of the kirk from the efternoones sermon scho ansuered scho got little edificatioun in the forenoone.

August 18th.—*Con. tuixt Innes and Douglas.*—James Innes of Cottis ratified promise of marriage to Christan Douglas, dochter to umquhill William Douglas of Pendreigh.

August 24th.—No session for the bridge.

August 31st.—*Act: Cuming and Winster.*—Kathrein Cuming and Marioun Winster spous to Thomas Warrand for sclandering each other ar ordeant ilk ane of them to pay ten pundis to the pure or else to stand in sackcloth at the piller barefute and mak ther repentance with the mytter on ther head. [The penalties were paid.]

September 21st.—*Innes oath.*—Thomas Innes being put to his oath to declare the veritie spake out of his passion before the Session rapeing his hand upon the burd saying Be the wounds of God, quho culd have delait him to the Sessioun. He is ordeant for his misbehaviour in the session to pay ten marks to the pure and also to stand Sonday nixt at the piller in sackcloth and barefute and cum before the pulpit and confess his fault in taking the wounds of the Lord in his mouth.

October 1st.—*Andersone payit.*—Christan Anderson, spous to Androw Kay, cordiner, for selling aill to Issoble Ker in tyme of divyne service efternoone is ordeant to pay 20s. to the pure.

Ker payit.—Issoble Ker, spous to John Kay, for byding from the kirk and bying aill in tyme of sermone to pay 20s.

October 23rd.—James Rose, sone to vmquhill John Rose of Balivat, ratified promise of mariage to Christan Clerk, relict of vmquhill George Donaldsone, burgis of Elgin.

November 5th.—Tuenty merks to be given for auchtein trees to the porche dore.

November 14th.—Collected ten pundis for William Lithgow quho was distressed and racked for his religioun, as his testimoniall bure record.

December 3rd.—*Willsone.*—William Wilsone for sewing schoone vpon the Sabbath day in the morning is ordanit to ward till evin and payit halff merk.

December 14th.—*Act of certane persons.*—Jean Bonyman, Helen Petry, Jean Geddes, Jean Robertsone, Marjory Cumming, Agnes

Thomesone ar all admonisht for their being from the Tysdayis sermone and being in the fische mercat in tyme of devyne service ar acted not to do the lyk againe vnder payne of censure.

December 19th.—Sermon publischt to be on Yule day 25th day.

December 21st.—Collected at the Tysdayis sermone 4s.

December 26th.—Sermone on Yule day. Collected wpoun Seterday and Sonday the 26 December 5 lib. 8s.

December 31st. — *Innes, cordiner.* — Comperit Alexander Innes, cordiner, and confessit to have dung Robert Innes woman, Jonet Murray, vpoun the Sabbath day to the effusioun of hir blude. To vnderly a censure the nixt dyet.

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January 2nd. — *Act: Nichtvakeing.* — It is publisched that no inhabitant be reset in any ostadge within the toun efter ten houris at nicht nor that any taverner sell ether wyne, aill or bear to any persoun except in cace of necessitie and that vnder payne of the actis of the kirk and all hiest censure.

January 24th.—John Finny, seruant to my Lord Marqueis within the paroschein of Belly, ratified promise of mariage to Helen Gordoun, dochter to George Gordoun, burges of our burgh, bot before they obtaine the benefite he is ordeant to compeir before the ministerie vpoun a Thursday before noone and giue a declaratioun of his faith also to set cautioun vnder the payne of 500 merks to keip the kirk and communicate.

January 28th.—*Thayne.*—Elspet Thayne, seruant to George Kay, for neglecting hir masters hous wpoun Sonday efternoone is ordeant to ward till nicht.

February 27th. — *Intymatioun.* — The landuart examinatiouns intymate. Lykwyse they ar exhorted to prepare sum support for the distressed estate of the church of the Palatinate.

March 4th.—William Layng hes demited the office of the thesaurarie in favour of Alexander Petry.

March 11th.—Janet Watsone confessit fornicatione and haueing no means scho is ordeant to be put in the govis the morne and hir head

to be scheavin be the hangman and to stand in sackcloth barfuted at the piller till scho be receavit.

March 27th.—*Palatinate.*—Collected for the kirk of the Palatinate this day 23 lib. 1s.

April 3rd.—First day of Communioun. Collected at the dores 5 lib. 12s. 6d.; collected for the Palatinate 35s.

April 10th.—The 2 day of Communioun. Collected at dores 9 lib. 6s. 10d.; collected for the Palatinate 7 lib. 8d.

April 12th.—*Danceing censured.*—Comperit Issoble Layng, Thomas Jains, Jonet Tarres, delait being dancing the last Sabbath at nicht so publikly. They ar all comit to ward till 48 houris or else releive themselves be payment of halff a merk.

For. Scheapheard with Gray. — Comperit John Sheipheard and confessit fornicatioun with Margaret Gray, his first fault, bot hir 3 fault, wherfor ordanis hir be schevin at the joggis and banischit. He to ward ten dayis or else pay 40s. penaltie.

For. Pattoun with Fraser.—Wm. Pattoun confessit fornicatioun with Jonet Fraser. Becaus scho denyit the same scho is ordeant to be wardit in the pit and hir head to be scheavin at the joggs on Seterday nixt. His penaltie is 40s.

April 17th.—Collected for the Palatinate 3 libs. 1s. 6d.

April 19th.—*Rose payit 4 libs.*—James Rose is ordeant for the fault of fornicatioun he spoke off before his mariage to pay four pundis penalty and it is thocht be the Sessioun that mariage cuts away publict repentance for former faults.

April 22nd. — *For. Davidsone with Grant.* — Robert Dauidsone confessit a second fault of fornicatioun with Agnes Grant wherfore he is ordeant to pay 40s. or else ward aucht dayis whilk he did.

May 10th.—It is ordeant that fra this furth no woman fornicatrix be suffered to go to hir publict repentance with a plaid about hir.

May 13th.—*Wanes.*—William Wanes admonischt for goeing to the woode and promeist be Godis grace not to doe the lyk againe ether to cut it nor yit for any other ill intentioun.

May 20th. — *Gardyne and Stevin.* — Marjory Gardyne and Marjory Stevin commit to ward for ther danceing openly wpon the streit on the Sabbath day.

June 7th.—No sessioun becaus of the mercat.

June 17th. — The magistrats wisits on Sonday nixt being a fasting day.

June 21st. — *Grigour and his wyff.* — Johne Grigor and his wyff in respect of ther wariance ar desyrd to live separate for a tyme till it please God to move ther hearts to liue more quyet with other and ilk ane of them ar ordeant to live wpoun their avne means severally.

June 27th. — *Junkyne payit 18s.* — Thomas Junkyne payit auchtein schillingis for want of the Comandements before his mariage and is acted to have them gainst this day fourtein dayis wnder payne of 40s.

Grigors wyff.—John Grigors wyff is ordeant to give him back his bedclothes and quhatsumever else perteined to him befor ther mariage so long as they live separet.

June 29th.—William Richartsone in Manachty within the paroschein of Alues ratified promise of mariage to Bessy Farquharsone, dochter to umquhill William Farquharsone of Kelles.

July 8th. — James Bannerman acted that he sall not play at the portbouls on the Sabbath day upoun the streit wnder payne of fourty schillings.

July 12th. — Promise of mariage ratified betwixt Mr. John Gray, Dean of Cathnes and minister of Dornoche, and Elspet Douglas, relict of umquhill Mr. Patreik Dunbar, person of Duffus ; Mr. Gavin Douglas cautioun for performance.

July 22nd. — *Persons pastureing in the kirkyarde.*—Compeirt Helen Chamber, spous to William Tarres, elder, in the Colledge, James Johnstoun ther, James Mitchell ther, Thomas Muresone, induellers in the Colledge, for letting ther scheip pasture in the Channery kirkyaird, quhilk nane of them culd deny. Ilk ane of them is ordeant to pay tuenty schillingis and to set cautioun for the same and for surety in all tyme cuming not to do the lyke and suche as hes not to pay ar ordanit therfore to build wp the broken places of the kirkyard dyke.

August 19th. — George Innes wyff onlaved in 20s. for selling aill on Sonday in tyme of divyne serwice. Alexander Innes, Douly, onlaved in 20s. for his drinking in tyme of divyne seruice

August 23rd.—*Sclander.*—Jean Bonyman, spous to Alexander Leslie, gaif in a bill of sclander against Margaret Anderson spous to Alexander Dunbar. Witnesses suorne and admitted [proved that she said]: "Go hame, vyll theiff that sent for another wyffs husband out

of his hous," and "Let hir neuer die till scho yeid about lyk Schakmaschitache and Claschmabandoche."

September 2nd.—The elderis ordanit Margaret Andersone to underly the Act of sclander [but afterwards with Jean Bonyman's consent, permitted her to appear on her knees before the session and crave pardon].

September 18th.—*Russell contra Watsone.*—Comperit Johne Russell in Pluscarden and compleant heavily wpoun Elspet Watsone (quho vas in ward) that the said Elspet being vseing a charme upon a seik bairne of Agnes Donaldsones there and his dochter being the first that cam in vpoun hir and met hir and that the said Elspet said to hir that the bairns seiknes would licht upoun hir, becaus scho was the first that cam in at the dore, the treuth wheroff he tuke him to proue be witnesses. His dochter therefter taking bed died and left hir dead vpoun the said Elspet Watsone, according as scho hade spokine to hir before.

September 23rd.—Jonet Innes deponit that scho cuming to wisite Bessy Russell heard hir mother say to hir "Wold scho lay hir dead upon Elspet Watsone" and scho said "Indeid wold scho." Jonet Thomesone deponit Bessy Russell said Elspet Watsone sould haue said to hir the seiknes of the bairne wold licht upon hir in respect scho was the first that came in and Elspet Watsone being present said to hir "Wold scho go to dead with that" and scho ansuered "Be God wold scho."

September 27th.—Agnes Donaldsone deponed that Elspet Watsone brunt the strae of the cradle that was in the four nukis theroff upon a karde broad and went out with it and blew it off and did so the nixt day, but scho hard not Elspet Watsone say that the seiknes wold licht upon Bessy Russell.

October 4th.—*Reference.*—The matter betwixt Russell and Watsone is referred to the presbetry.

October 14th.—*Candle licht.*—Ordains a candle to be lichtit ilk day in the kirk at fyve hours in the morning and candle to begin at nicht to the prayeris, sex every nicht.

[The following entry is quoted in full for the purpose of showing the number, the names, and the period of office of the elders and deacons.]

October 23rd.—The elders to bear office for this next yeir insueing ar nominat, admited and sworne. Their names ar these: *South-west*—

Mr. John Hay, prouest, John Mill, bailyie, William Innes, Archibald Dunbar, Johne Andersone. *South-east*—Alex^r. Lesly, bailyie, James Douglas, Androw Waus, Alexander Gipsone. *North-west* — William Torry, bailyie, Mr. Gawen Douglas, John Robertsone, Nicolas Dunbar. *North-east* — Robert Hardie, bailyie, William Falconer, Alexander Petry, Patreik Chamber. *For the Colledge*—Johne Lesly, William Layng. *Ald Milns* — Alexander Innes, indueller ther, Alexander Russell, younger. *For the landvart* — James Innes of Blakhills, John Man, Alexander Schand for Blakhills, Thornehill, Clackmarres and Langmorne; Androw Dick for Easter and Wester Quhytwreaths and Glasgrein; William Innes of Mayne for Mayne and Aikinhead; William Innes in Bogesyde and William Mortimer, elder, for Bogesyde, the Haughe and Ouer Manbeans; Alexander Russell, elder, for Nether Manbeans; James Russell for Divelly Grein and Broomehill; William Russell, younger, and Thomas Spence for Pendreigh and Innerlochty; James Gordoun for Mostowy; Jerome Spence for Litle Innerlochty and Quhytfeild; James Farquharsone for Easter Kelles; Patreik Dunbar of Westertoun and William Innes, elder, for Westertoun, Redevie, Inschellen and Drinkinghill; Archibald Dunbar for Barnehill, Whytruife, the hill, and Nether Byre; William Farquharsone and Gawen Petry for Forsterseat, Inschernoche, Corsley and Auchtertyre; John Sutherland for Bogehead and the Bogs of Elgin.

Deacons for wisitatioun of the seik: *West* — William McKenzie, John Chamber, Alexander Russell, younger. *East* — William Coban, Alexander Gilzean, George Baxster.

November 1st. — Margaret Russell adultrix is ordeant to stand in ward ilk Seterday before hir repentance, wpon Sonday in the morning to cum furth to ward to the kirk dore at the first bell quher scho sall stand in the jogis barefuted till the last bell, being in sackclothe, therefter sall go to the piller and stand the tyme of the sermone ilk Sabbath day till scho be sufficiently humbled, and at last scho salbe put to the goves in the tyme of publict mercat and ther hir head to be schevin becaus it is hir thrid fault in adultery and also pay tuenty pundis penalty to the pure, and if scho salbe found to fall in any lyk fault therefter to be perpetually banisched.

November 15th. — Androw Martein, Christan Jeanour, Margaret Dunbar, brousters of the Aldmills, ar acted not to sell aill in tyme of diuyne seruice wnder the payne of ten lib.

December 7th. — *Dunbar adultrix.* — Agnes Dunbar, adultrix with Alexr. Ald is ordeant to ward, therefter put to the jogis and ther hir head to be scheavin and then banischit off the town.

December 9th. — To publische the fast the morne with the bell. The magistrats to wisite through the toun.

December 11th.—A fasting day. Collected 46s.

December 16th. — Ordeans the bell to go through the toun to publische that the morne all cease from ther labours and resort to the preparation sermon. The magistrats ar ordeant to wisite the morne.

December 17th.—Collected at the preparation sermon 22s. Ordeant to serue the tables the morne John Mill [and three others] morneing. At the forenoon seruice Nicolas Dunbar [and three others].

December 18th.—This day the Communion is celebrate tuo tymes in the morening and in the forenoone. Collected to the pure 16 merks.

December 23rd. — To publische that there be no gyseing on the streits nor ryot nor any other publict or private offence about this Yule tyme under paine of the actis.

December 25th.—Yule day. Collected 3 lib. 4s.

December 27th. — No sessioun becaus of the buriall of Clyne. Collected 8s.

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January 6th. — Christan Clerk, spous to James Rose, being found oftine absent fra the kirk is ordeant to keip the kirk ilk Sabath wnder payne of 20s. euery Sabath being absent without a laufull excuse.

January 13th. — *Rose 40s.* — James Rose for not communicating is ordeant to pay 40s. or else ward aucht dayis.

Watsone charmer acted.—The brethren of the presbetrie hes ordeant Elspet Watsone quho was provine ane charmer to mak hir repentance at the piller in sackclothe and confes hir fault there before the congregation, acted under paine of banischement to mak hir repentance and not to charme any more heirefter.

January 20th.—*Intymatioun.*—To intymate the Tysdayis sermone to be keipt better be the maisters of families and that no buthe doris be opine in time of preaching wnder payne of the actes.

January 26th. — *Con. tuixt Maver and Maver.* — Walter Maver in Schereschtoun within parosche of Santandrose ratified promise of

mariage to Marjory Maver, laufull dochter to vmquhill Mark Maver of Maverstoun.

March 23rd. — *Intymatioun.* — Intymate with the bell that all cease from work the morne fra ane efternoone and go to the preparatioun sermon. The magistrats to wisite.

March 24th.—Convenit the minister and elders at the preparatioun sermon. Collected 26s. To serue the tables the morne apoynted Robert Hardy, John Mill, Alexander Gibsone, Alexander Petry, with Patreik Chamber to attend to fill the cupis.

April 27th.— *Warden.*—Jonet Warden, elder, is ordeant to stand at the piller with the mytre on hir head for calling George Dunbar debtit dyvour.

May 8th. — Convenit the ministers at the General Assembly. Collected the tuo dayes at the doris 3 lib. 2s.

June 1st. — *Tarres banischt.* — Helen Tarres for the reset of mens servantis wnder nicht keiping them from ther masters seruice and being tryster betuixt sundry personis men and women is ordeant to be put to the jogis the morne tuixt aucht houris and nyne and therefter to be banischit of the toun with sound of drum.

June 15th.—Androw Dick and John Dick, his sone, for sclandering of Johne Man in Greinheid saying that he sould haue stolne a horse from Bartle Kellie and put him vp to the Hielands, ar ordeant wpon Sonday nixt to sit wnder the merchant loft and then quhen they ar called vpoun to cum furth and confes ther fault and craue him and the congregatioun pardoun and he to tak them be the hand.

June 19th. — *Break of the Sabboth 20s.* — Johne Packman in the Burgh for bringing in fische vpoun the Sabbath day and selling them is put to ward till he pay 20s. for break of the Sabbath.

July 13th. — *Adame censureit.* — Comperit William Adame for his uncumlie behaviour in the kirk efter a certaine mariage in ther preasing to be first at the dore. He is censured to pay halff merk and acted not to do the lyk agayne.

August 10th. — Alexander Dauidsone, John Malice, wobster, William Kiro for ther turbulent and loude speaches in the tyme of divyne seruice ar rebuked and ar willingly acted wnder the paine of halff a merk and warding of ther persons nocht to do the lyk againe.

August 24th.—The Session ordeans 20s. to be given out of the penalties to John Innes to keip him at schoole for Lambes quarter bygaine.

August 28th.—No conventioun, the minister being sick. Collected 2s.

September 11th.—Mr. Dauid Philp minister of Elgin departed this lyff.

September 25th.—*Mitchell.*—Thomas Mitchell fleschar for slaeing flesch vpon the Sabboth day is ordeant to pay 20s. to the pure, ward 48 houris and acted not to do the lyk againe.

Issoble Cannoun confessit hir selff fornicatrix with James Tynet who is gon to the varis. Scho being vnder the act of banischement not to commit the lyk fault againe is ordeant now to be doukit, kartit throw the toun and therefter to be banischt of this toun for ever.

October 7th.—Alexander Sutherland is becum willingly acted that if it salbe proven that he made any merchandise vpoun the Sabboth day he sall then pay 20 lib.

November 26th.—The prouest and haill elders convenit in counsell anent the edict serueit in name of Mr. Dauid Colles.

December 23rd.—*Intymatioun.*—The said day my Lord Bischope intymate from the pulpit that the toun would provyde themselves a minister becaus the man quhom he presented they hade rejected although he was found qualified be the brethren of the presbetry and sieing effairs of the kirk callit him south advertised them that giff they wanted preitching it was in ther avne default.

December 25th.—Yule day. Mr. Thomas Craig preichit.

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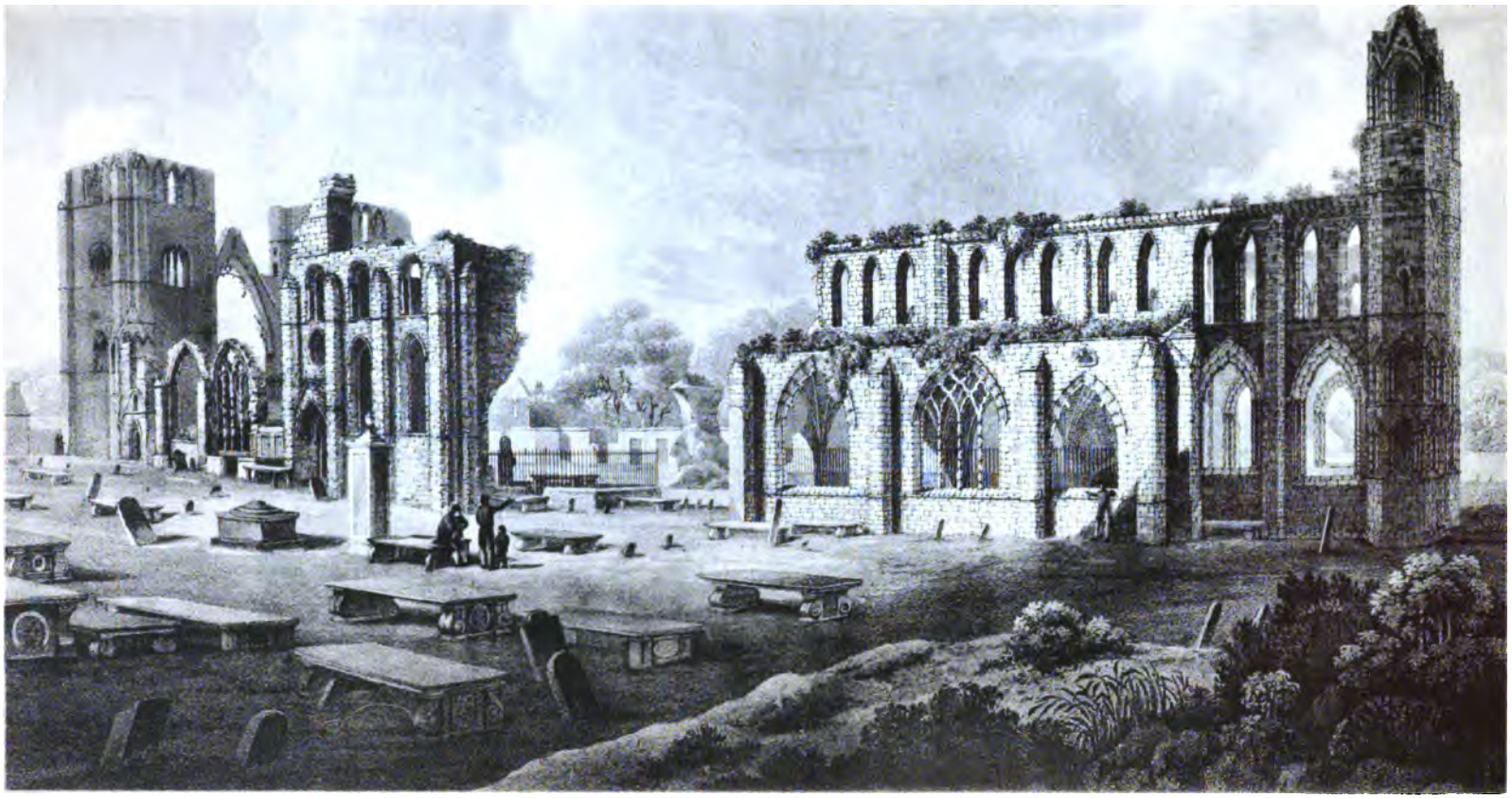
January 8th.—Convenit Mr. John Hay, moderator, Nicolas Dunbar, William Torry, William Innes, Androw Annand, John Robertsone. [From this date till the admission of Mr. John Gordon on March 31st, Mr. John Hay, provost, was moderator of the Kirk Session.]

Clerk payit 20s.—Andrew Clerk hes payed 20s. for his bairns lair in the Channery kirk.

January 16th.—*Con. tuixt Cuming and Lesly.*—Contract bund up betuixt George Cuming son to George Cuming in Lochnavandiche and Marjory Lesly, dochter to William Lesly, bailyie, burgis of Elgin.



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January 22nd.—*Thow acted.*—William Thow is becum acted to keip the kirk sabothlie health seruing, wnder the paine of 20s. ilk Sabboth.

January 25th.—*Absentis from the kirk acted.*—Comperit Elspet Russell, Magnus Edmistoun, drummer [and eight others] and ar all acted to keip the kirk except excuse lawfull being admitted and that wnder the paine of being wardit thrie dayis in the leach tolbuith and there to remaine wpon bread and watter.

January 29th.—*Acted.*—Jean Man [and six others similarly acted.]

February 3rd.—Convenit the moderator and elderis. The Chantour preiched. Collected 56s.

February 12th.—*Allane acted.*—Alexander Allane for threshing upon the Saboth day is ordeant to pay halff a merk.

Young acted.—Margaret Yong is acted not to speak any sclanderous wordis to Thomas Donaldsone wnder paine of standing in the mytre and heerie cloth according to the act of sclander.

March 8th.—*Symsone acted.*—John Symesone and Isoble Warrand ar acted to have the Commandementis against this day 15 dayis wnder paine of 40s.

March 31st.—*Mr. John Gordoun admitted.*—Convenit my Lord Bischope and haill elders in sessioun. The said day Mr. Johne Gordoun, minister at Kineduart, is admitted be the bischope to be minister at Elgin. Collected 50s.*

April 20th.—*Car delyverit.*—Delyverit the said day be Christan Car, relict of vmqhill Mr. Dauid Philp, the tuo Communioun cupis with tuo table clothis and tuo cover clothis.

May 5th.—*3 day Communioun.*—The third day of Communioun.

May 10th.—Comperit James Layng and James Johnestoun being summondit to this day and is ordeant that if they sall let in any cattell beast or horse within the kirkyaird of the Channery kirk in that case they sould pay halff a merk for ilk head by and attour that quhilk the avners pay, and if it be found that they have lifted any laire stanes in the kirk or churchyaird they salbe censured accordingly.

May 14th.—*Yard of the Channerie kirk taine.*—Comperit Johne Chalmber, skinner, and hes tane the grass of the Channerie kirkyarde for a yeir and is bund and obleist that no beast cum within it to eat it

* 1633, April 9th.—To Thomas Allan, glassinwrycht, 50 merks for the furnissing of the glassin windowis of the queir and helping of the windowis of the kirk (Town Council Papers).

but that it be schorne to them and euerie beast that he may proue to be in it sall pay halff merk.

John Layng, burgis of Forres, ratified promise of mariage to Jean Douglas, dochter to Mr. John Douglas, sumtyme burgis of this burgh.

May 21st. — *Brousters in Ald Mills.* — Comperit Alexander Richardsone, George Broun and Androw Martein, brousteris in the Old Milles, for break of the Saboth in selling aill in tyme of divyne seruice wherfor ar ordeant to stand at the piller on Sonday nixt and ther confes their fault with a promeis of amendment, as also to pay halfe a merk.

Johnstoun.—Comperit Marjorie Johnestoun for hir ryot in the kirk against Marie Douglas quhilk was sein be tuo elders, quherfor scho is ordeaned to sit befor the pulpit and when scho is called vpoun confes hir fault, as also that scho set cautioun not to blaspheme or curse Mr. Gaven Douglas or any of his hous under paine of 40 lib. Alexander Cuming, sone laufull to the said Marjorie, is accepted as cautioner for performance of the ordinance in all points.

Keith acted. — Alexander Keith, servant to Robert Hardie, bailyie, for bydeing out of his masters hous wnder nicht is ordeant to pull of his syd heres and acted to keip better ordour wnder paine of standing in the jogis.

June 14th.—Corser in the Ald Mills is ordeant for hir railing to stand in the jogis tuixt ten and tuell houris before noone.

June 25th.—*Muray acted.*—Alexander Murray, kirk officer, is becum acted that giff he beis found absent from preiching, morning or evening prayeris to attend upon the kirk, without leave askit and given, he sall then pay halff a merk *toties quoties.*

July 2nd.—Ordains William Sutherland for dinging James Gate vpon the Sabboth day to pay halff a merk and go to ward and ther remaine till evin.

July 5th.—Comperit the people of the hospitall, John Smyth and his wyfe, Thomas Air and his wyff and Margaret Douglas, for their curseing with other and not keiping of the kirk, ordanis them to be heir on Sonday nixt and act themselves better to keip kirk heirefter or else they wilbe put out.

July 12th. — *Con. tuixt Ogilvy and Innes.* —John Ogilvy of Miltoun of Keith ratified promise of mariage to Jean Innes, relict of Robert Innes bailie of this burgh.

August 2nd.—Johne Chalmber, younger, skinner, who hes the take of the Chanerie kirkyarde is ordeant to pay 40s. for putting in his horse in the Chanerie kirkyarde, and the 40s. to be given to James Layng and James Johnstoun to big the kirkyarde dykis.

August 13th.—Androw Annand is ordeant to haue the pure folks siluer readie to distribut on Friday nixt.

August 30th.—*Act for the makeing of the graues.*—The men that makes the graues ar ordeant for ilk graue within the kirk to get 10s. without the kirk 6s. for a barne within the kirk 4s. without the kirk 2s.

September 3rd.—No sessioun becaus of the mercat Sant Geills day.

September 10th.—[In a slander case John Purse and his wife were allowed to redeem themselves from the mitre for ten merks, but not from public repentance.]

[Collections: September 1st, £3 2s.; 8th, 58s. 8d.; 10th, 7s.; 15th, 49s. 8d.; 17th, 5s.; 22nd, £3 4s.; 24th, 7s.; 29th, 57s. 8d.]

October 25th.—*Duncan breaker of the Saboth payit 40s.*—William Duncan in Intschernoche for biging dykis on the Saboth day to mak his repentance at the piller and pay 40s. to the pure.

November 1st.—*Buyne acted.*—Marjory Buyne confessit hir going to the chepell well is ordeant to stand thrie dayis at the piller and pay 40s. to the pure.

Breakers of Saboth.—James Hosak [and three others] in Inerlochty confessit the schearing of their corne upon Sonday at nyne houris at evin. They are comit to ward till they set caution for fulfilling of ther repentance to stand at the piller on Sonday and pay a merk ilk ane of them to the pure. They culd not get cautioun bot acted themselffis ilk ane for another for ther performance.

November 12th.—Margaret Elgin confessit hir going to the chepell well at Speysyde. Scho is ordeant to mak hir repentance at the piller and pay 40s. to the pure.

November 21st.—*Con. tuixt Hay and Innes.*—Contract of mariage bund vp betuixt the Right Honourable William Hay of Fotterletter, uncle to the Erle of Errell, and Dame Marie Innes, relict of Johne Urquhart of Cragfintrie.

December 20th.—*Act.*—Ordeanis that ilk master of familie being absent from the examinationis without a laufull excuse sall pay 20s. as also halff a merk for ilk servant withholden be the masters default.

1634.

February 14th.—*Fischer.*—Johne Fischer in Innerlochty ordeant to mak his repentance at the piller for being absent from the kirk and cutting woode upon the Saboth day.

March 18th.—*Mursone.*—Agnes Muresone for hir scolding in the kirk in the tyme of examyne is ordeant presently to be put to the jogis.

April 18th.—*Nucoll.*—Alexander Nucoll is committ to ward for his misbehaviour at the Communioun, Alexander Dauidsone cautioun to present him the nixt day.

April 22nd.—*Nucoll in ward.*—Alexander Nucoll for taking away the bread from the table is put to ward till Thursday nixt and advyse with the Bischope what farther salbe done with him.

May 2nd.—*Byble.*—The church Byble is presented and allowit to be red.

May 6th.—Ordains Androw Annand to giff Margaret Black a groat weiklie till scho be better in health.

May 9th.—Compted with Alexander Russell, kirk thesaurer . . . Restis wnpaide . . . be Jean Jean Mitchell, spous to John Syme, 40s. quherfor the thesaurer has a siluer belt in pane till it be payit.

June 3rd.—No sessioun becaus of the mercat called Tarnty day.

June 20th.—*Air for his wyfe.*—Thomas Air is cautioun for his wyffe that scho sall not be hard in the bead hous heirefter, or, if scho be, both he and scho salbe removed.

July 4th.—*Saboth Breakeris.*—Ane called —— Gilbert and Alexander Clark induellers in the parosche of Dundurcos bying plantis from Robert Forbes and John Donaldsone on the Saboth day, to caus them be censured be ther avne presbetry.

July 6th.—*Almes to the pure.*—The gudwyff of Cottis hes sent in tuenty merks to the minister to be given to the pure efter her husbands disceas quhilk was ordeant to be given to honest pure widowes.

July 25th.—Sant James day. No sessioun becaus of the mercatt.

August 17th.—Collected for the people of Cathnes quho is in distress 40 lib.

September 2nd.—Sant Geills day—no sessioun becaus of the mercatt.

September 19th.—No session becaus of the harvest.

September 30th.—Michaell day—no sessioun becaus of the mercatt.

November 11th. — Collected 8s. at the Tysdayis sermon, but no session.

November 30th. — *Kay.* — George Kay for refuseing the brode on Sonday before none to collect at the kirk dore sould pay therfore as much as vses to be collected vpon a Saboth day yit with the haill consent of the elders is continued upon his better behaviour pretending ignorance.

1635.

January 20th. — *Great storme of snow.* — Tysday the 20 Januarii no preiching nor sessioun suche was the storm of snow that the people wer not able to cum to the kirk.

February 6th. — *Cuming and Bonyman payit.* — James Cuming and George Bonyman, ilk ane of them pay 20s. for the buriall of ther barns in the Chanery kirk, and all others that heirefter dois the lyk without the consent of the sessioun. Also James Stewart is ordeant to pay 40s. for the buriall of his mother in the Chanery kirk.

February 17th.—Apoynts ilk bailye in his quarter with a elder and the reader to go through the toun to collect the contribution for the pure.

March 8th.—Ordains to warne them that vse to hant the Chanery kirk in the tyme of preiching.

April 7th. — *Con. twixt Farquhar and Bandochie.* — Quhilk day in presens of Androw Annand and Johne Andersone, elderis, Duncan Farquhar, servant to Alexander Gilzean, sadler, was handfastit with Jonet Bandochy, laufull dochter to William Bandochie in Clakmares and set Alexander Phimester cautioun for the woman performing, payne 5 lib. [During the remainder of the year 1635 the word "handfastit" is occasionally used with the same meaning as "ratified a promise of marriage".]

May 5th. — *Con. tuixt Watsone and Gordoun.* — Alexander Watsone litster and Violet Gordoun wer handfast together wnder promise of mariage and set Thomas Murdoche cautioun for ther performance wnder the payne of tuentie pundis partie breaker.

May 26th.—No sessioun being Tarntie day.

June 16th.—*Measoun acted.*—Margaret Measoun is becom acted not to reset any man or woman within hir hous and that scho be not found

at the kirk dore beging, quhilk if scho dois sall be put immediately off the toun.

Lesly.—Johne Leslie in the Colledge is becum suretie for all his tennantis in the Ladie High hous that they live honestlie vpoun ther wertue and resett no beggeris.

June 21st.—*Intymatioun made.*—Intymatioun made be the Bischope that ilk master of familie be countable for the induellers in ther landis.

June 23rd.—Thomas Carmichell was contracted and handfastit with Marjory Man, relict of vmquhill Nicoll Duff, burgis of Forres.

July 3rd.—*Smyth flescher acted.*—John Smyth, flescher, carieing flesch throw the calsey on the Saboth is acted willingly if he beis found doing the lyk againe he sall pay 40s. by punischment of his bodie.

August 16th (Sunday).—The minister absent in Aberdeen. The bischope of Galloway and Rose wer present at sermone. Collected £4 7s.

December 1st.—Andersmes market.

December 4th.—*A Bill.*—The gudewyff of Blakhills gaue in a bill of sclander against Barbara Innes, laufull dochter to the gudeman of Cokistonn.

1636.

January 15th.—*Dunbars ordinance.*—Alexander Dunbar, sone to Robert Dunbar, is ordeant to stand at the piller on Sonday nixt for his ringing of basones and schandleris through the toun.

January 17th.—*Dunbar.*—Alexander Dunbar is receavit fra the piller for clinking of basens through the toun on Uphaly even.

February 7th.—*Schioche.*—Alexander Shioch and his wyff both present confest that the siff [and] the scheir was turned in their hous.

February 9th.—*Thomesone turneing the sif and the sheir payit 4 lib.*—Comperit Bessy Thomsone, spous to Alexander Schioche in Blakhills, and for suffering the siff and the scheir to be turned in their hous contrary to all gude ordour and the actis of the kirk, scho is ordeant to stand at the piller sex Saboth dayis in sackclothe and to pay four pundis of penalty to the pure. Scho confest it was a wobster named Doull that did it.

February 23rd.—*Fast.*—To advyse with the bischope and presbytry to haue a fast in suche extreim disease of the poxe among the young children.

March 4th.—*Given to the pure.*—Johne Rory burgis in Innernes for abuseing Androw Young in the mercat ordeant to pay a dollour to the pure. Given to the pure be Robert Re, merchand in Aberdeen, a dollar.

March 31st. — Fryday nixt is apoynted to be a day of publict humiliatioun and fasting before the Communioun and no fasting vpoun Sabboth dayes heirefter.

April 3rd.—*Fast on Fryday.*—Fryday nixt intimate to be a fasting day before the Communioun. The same day ordeans to be morning and evening prayers as also sermoun before and efternoone.

May 13th. — Marjory Peterkine and Marjory Duffes ordeant to be banischit out of this toun. [The latter was] borne in Forres and going with the fair folk fainzed hir selffe a creiple and was not ane indeid but a deluder of the people. [The former was] a pandress as also a loun hirselff.

May 29th.—*Turning the siff and the scheir: Alexander and Ferare.*—Christan Alschender spous to William Soutter in Mostowie and Christan Ferare there ar convenit for turning the siff and the scheir for some geir they wanted. They are put to ward till they set caution to stand in the govis Setterday nixt before noone with a siff and a scheir besydes them, for example to otheris and if they be found doing the lyk againe they sall be burnt on the cheik and banischt.

July 29th.—*Fischers.*—Compeirt Thomas Purse and confessit himself and his brother to have fisched on the Sabboth day tymous in the morning.

July 31st. — *Layng acted.* — Issoble Layng in the Grein is becume acted that heirefter scho nor nane of hirs sall offend the teyndsteris by curseing, railling or sclandering Christan Ker dureing hir tak of the teyndis and that under payne of fyve pundis.

[The following is now the usual form of entering a marriage contract.]

August 7th. — *Con. tuixt Adame and Schand.* — Contract bund up betuixt Gilbert Adame and Christan Schand, laufull dochter to Alexander Schand, both within this congregatioun, set Alexander Stronoch ther cautioner for performance wnder the paine of x lib.

November 22nd. — *Queir.* — James Gordoun, measone, is desyrit to sie the queir and what he will tak to pathement the same that the Sessioun may adwyse and agrie with him and the remnant of the parosche to be stented for that effect.

December 9th. — *Act anent the examinationis.* — Fryday nixt to be the fasting day before the Communioun. Ordeans that every master of family byding fra the examinations being lawfully warned thereto sall pay 20s. and ilk seruant half a merk without they have a lawfull excuse.

December 18th.—The Communioun given in the morneing and in the forenoone. Collected with basons at the table 105 merks.

1637.

January 8th. — *Duncan and his wyff acted.* — William Duncan and his wyffe ar both of them acted that they sall vse no inchantmentis or charmeing at any tyme heirefter wnder all hiest paine.

January 13th.—Patreik Gardyne is acted how soone his dochter coms to the toun he sall present hir to the Sessioun for hir gyseing at Yule.

March 19th. — *Act made with consent of my L. Bischope, minister and elders.*—It is statute and ordeant that nane heirefter sall have the benefite of mariage specially they of the purer sort except that first they set caution that they be diligent and carefull in that vocation God hes called them to quhereby they nor ther posterity be burdensome to the toun through ther sleuth and negligence bot that they indevore be all means laufull to acquyre ther ovne liveing except that pouerty come through long seiknes or through sum sensible wisitation otherwayis, and this is first execute on the persone of David Gray a man past fourscore and ten yeiris being contracted to a young woman, its ordeant that their bands be stopit and no mariage granted them.

March 21st.—It is ordeant that the Communioun be intymate on Sonday nixt, the Sonday imediatly before Pasche to be the first day of the celebratioun, and grantis liberty to Doctour Gordoun to dispose of the setting of the tables as he thinkis meit.

April 11th.—Ordeans that the collectioun at the Communioun quhilk is two hundreth merkis be distributed among the pure in thrie thrids, a thrid part now, a thrid part at Witsonday a thrid part at Lambes.

May 2nd. — *Con. tuixt Straquhen and Chalmer.* — Contract bund wp betuixt Mr. James Straquhen, Mr. of the Grammer Schoole in this burgh, and Margaret Chalmer, dochter to John Chalmer, elder, merchant burges there, James Mill, maltman, cautioner for their performance wnder the paine of 1^{c}. pundis.

November 26th. — Margaret Lesly, spous to Doctour Robert Andersone, is ordeant to sit in the seat of wmquhill Christan Guthrie, so that scho content Margaret Kinloche for hir gudewill.

1638.

January 5th. — *Communioun.* — The Communion to be intymate bot becaus they culd not agrie on the preparation day delayit the same till they sould advyse with the Bishop.

January 12th.—Each elder gave in delatioun of what faults they had found. To warn the beadmen for not keiping the kirk.

January 14th.—The preparation sermon to be on Fryday.

January 23rd.—*Melvill and Dunbar acted.* — John Melvill and Jean Dunbar being to be maried ar found ignorant of the Comandments, hes acted themselves both willingly to have tuixt this and Pasche wnder paine of 40s.

February 4th. — The beadmen ordeant to keip the kirk dayly at morning and evening prayers or otherwyse salbe put out of ther place.

February 23rd.—*Bodvell and Davidsone.*—Georg Donaldsone seruant to my Lord of Moray compleant wpon tuo women named Bodvell and Dauidsone for their scandalous behaviour on Sonday last. They alledgeit that their mothers put them out at sevin hours at nicht. Ordeans them to be put to ward till the morne and in the tyme of the Seterdays mercatt put in the joggis tuixt 10 hours and 12. Bodvell and Margaret Davidsone haueing warded till nicht and being fund penitent for their falt hes acted to separate fra others company and gif they transgress they salbe holdin as lyable to the former censure and moveover salbe convoyed from the west port to the jogis with the sound of the drum for ther punischment.

April 15th. — *Paull and Murdoch acted.* — James Paull and John Murdoche and Alexander Falconer ar to be maried and presently before ar acted not to mak tumult nor stryve for place at going out at the kirk doris wnder paine of 40s. each man for himself.

April 20th. — *Gaderer graue maker.* — Thomas Gaderer admitted in James Layngs place to mak the graues and promeist to be faithfull and just, and not to open the yeird without consent of minister or reader.

April 27th.—*For. Innes and Stewart.*—Comperit William Innes, skinner, and confest fornicatioun with Jean Stewart, both present, they ar ordeant to mak their repentance, to ward and to pay aucht merkis penalty.

May 18th.—*Woode of Spynie.*—The people that vent to the wode of Spynie under silence of nicht ar ordeant to be wardeit so many of them as ar heir present till they set cautioun for their compeirance.

May 25th.—*People bein in the woode Spynie set cautioun.*—George Kay [and others] who hade been at the woode of Spynie upon ane Saboth day at nicht ar ordeant to go to ward and stay there till sex hours at nicht, and or they come furthe of the ward to set cautioun not to do the lyk againe or be found out of their masters hous efter ten houris at nicht to stand in the jogis, and besydis to mak ther publict repentance gif they sall transgres the same.

[Collections: September 2d, £3 4s.; 9th, £3 1s.; 16th, £3 3s.; 23d, £3 9s.]

October 3rd—Contract bund wp betuixt Mr. John Rose of Midleyis and present prouest of Innernes and Margaret Douglas, laufull doctor to wmquhill William Douglas of Pettendreigh.

October 31st.—To intymate the fast to hold on Wedinsday the 7 of November before the Generall Assembly to be holden at Glasgow 21 November.

November 6th.—The Tysdayis preaching begun againe be Doctor Gordoun. Collected 33s.

November 9th.—James Chalmer, younger, being wardit brake ward without ordour.

December 18th.—The play is granted to the barns Setterday nixt against Yule time.

William Campbell wndertane to heall a creple barne and he salbe satisfied therefor out of the Sessioun.

December 23rd.—To intymate that no abuses be about the Yule tyme.

December 25th (Tuesday).—Yule day. Collected 20s.

1639.

April 7th.—Mr. Patrick Tulloche preicht. Collected 55s. [Hereafter the names of the ministers who preached on Sunday are recorded.]

May 5th. — *Doctour Gordon depryved.* — Sonday the 5 of Mai the Chantour of Morray preicht. Collected 53s. 6d. The quhilk day he intymate that be the Synodal Assembly at Forres holden the 1 of Mai instant that Doctour Gordoun, preichour at Elgin, was depryved from his functioun of the ministery for certaine causes impute to him theranent, as also he intymate that quhill it sould please God to plant ane in his place in the ministery that Mr. Thomas Craig, minister at Spynie, sould keip Tysday for holding of the sessioun and baptisme and mariage, and Mr. Alexander Spence, minister of Birney, to attend on Fryday for the same purpose.

May 18th.—*Intymatioun.*—To intymate upon Sonday nixt that God willing Sonday cum aucht dayes is ordeant to be a day of publict humiliation and fasting, also to intymate that nane resort to forbidden wells or caves under paine of the acts made thereanent.

June 23rd. — *Intymate.* — It is ordeant that there be no mariages heirefter upon the Saboth for prophanation therof, according to the Act of the Assembly made theranent.

June 30th.—Intymation made that nane resort to the Channery kirk at any tyme, specially in tyme of preiching or prayers wnder all hiest paine may follow thervpoun.

July 5th.—*Intymatioun to keip the prayeris.*—To intymate that the toun people keip the morning and evening prayers better nor they doe, that they be not found in the fisch mercat nor vse trading in the buthes till they be endit.

July 12th. — *Not to resort the Channery kirk to prayer.* — Certaine people warned for resorting the Chanery kirk. Comperit Agnes Lesly, the relict of vmquhill John Bonyman, and Robert Purse, Kathrein Robertsone, Margaret Hamiltoun, spous to William Falconer, Margaret Murray, spous to John Fraser and confessit themselves at sundry tymes to resort thither quhilk they were inhibite to doe againe at any tyme heirefter to their prayeris or any superstitious place to give ill example quhilk they promised not to resort ther heirefter wnder the pains of the censurs of the kirk.

July 21st.—*Intymatioun.*—To intymate that no man or woman resort the Channery kirk at any tyme for prayer under the paine of the acts of the kirk.

December 13th.—*To glassenwryt 3 lib.*—Given to Alexander Forsyth, glasen wricht, thrie pundis out of the penaltyes for putting wp a glassen window in the kirk.

December 27th.—Conveint the elders. Ordeans Agnes Corser for the sclandering of Elspet Robertsone quhilk was sufficiently prowen against hir to be put to ward till the morne and then in tyme of publict mercatt to stand ane hour in the jogis.

1640.

January 3rd.—Marjory Boduell for gyseing at Yule ordeant to be wardit.

February 23rd. — The preparation sermon to be on Sonday cum fyftein dayes.

March 1st.—Ordeans that the contracts hold upon sessioun dayes bot chieflie after morning prayers.

March 8th. — Sonday the 8 March the Communion giwen sitting, Mr. Gavin Dunbar preached. Collected with a basen at the table 49 merks 16d.

March 15th.—Sonday the 15 Marche being the second day of the Communion, Mr. William Falconer preached. Collected with a basen at the table 49 merks 8d.

May 8th. — *Abuse in the kirk.* — Compeirit Johne Peeterkine for letting down some vrine on Mr. James Strachane, scoolemaster, out of the wast laft of the kirk in tyme of divyne seruice. Case referred becaus of the paucitie of elderis.

May 22nd.—[Last minute of this volume.]

"The Sessione buik begune be William Murray the 24 Maij 1640."

[On the front fly-leaf in the same hand that wrote the notes given on pp. 132, 209 *supra* is the following note: "This volum contains the proceedings in Session from May 24th 1640 to September 29th 1648 inclusive under the ministry of Mr. Gilbert Ross, who was admitted 24th September 1640 and dyed 13th August 1644, Mr. Murdoch M'Kenzie transported from Invernes and admitted at Elgin April 17th 1645 and Mr. Thomas Law transported from Boharm and admitted at Elgin August 28th 1645."]

[The following shows the form now of contracts of marriage :—]

June 26th. — *Con. twixt Wilsone and Dasoune.* — There was a promise of mariage ratified betwixt Androw Wilsone and Elspet Dasone, both within this burgh, William Tarrase cautioner for abstinence and performance, penaltie 20 libs.

July 5th.—Mr. William Falconer preached. Colected be George Cuming of guid silver 54s. 4d.

July 24th.—Elders conveined did nothing bot chuse visitors and colectors.

September 24th.—Mr. William Falconer preached. Maister Gilbert Rose was received to be minister to Elgin. Colected 35s. 4d.

October 10th.—Promise of mariage ratified betuixt Androw Leslie, lawfull sone and heir to William Leslie, merchand burges of Elgin, and Margrat Hay, lawfull daughter to Mr. John Hay, provest of Elgin.

November 13th (Friday).—Mr. Gilbert Rose cam to Elgin.

Mr. Gilbert Rose desyred to intimate the preaching on the Tysday, which was granted and he willinglie wndertook to doe it. The syd wall dask neirest the north door was granted to his wyff to sit in and hir daughters.

November 15th. — *A generall fast.* — A generall fast for the happie proceiding and concluding of the Parliament of England.

November 17th. — *Tysday.* — No sessioun becaus of the provests daughters mariage.

December 4th.—*Watson and Chalmer for breaking of the Sabbath.* — Compeired Alexander Watsone and Patrick Chalmer litsters for hinging out cloath or wobes to dry one the Sabbath day. Wpone their promise never to doe the lyk againe they were demited.

December 11th.—*Ordinance to say the catechisme.*—It was ordained be the Sessioun that two scollers of the Gramer Schoole sould com to the kirk in the efternoone everie Sonday at the second bell ringing and say the catechisme that the pepill may be instructed.

December 29th.—Nixt Sabbath to be a fasting day for preparation to the Communion.

Danceing and drinking on the Sabbath. — Compeired Girsall Arthour, Agnes Smyth, Jeane Stewart, Janet Cuming for danceing and drinking on the Sabbath day at night they were ordained to go to ward till they find cautione that the on twaine sall stand in the

jogis wpon Satterday betwixt 9 and 10 hours and the other twa betwixt 10 and 11 hours. Also there was thrie men with them bot compeird not, a fidler caled Johne Naghtie and Alex. Rag and Johne Home.

1641.

January 1st. — *Act off Sessione for going to the Chanrie kirk.* — There was derect to intimat on Sunday against these that goes to the Chanrie kirk to there pretendit devotion their persones to be wardit and to be fyned in their meanes according to the will of the session and to stand in sakcloath one the Sabbath dayes at the piller and who ever knowes of any that goes to the Chanrie kirk and delates them not sal suffer lyk punischment and pay lyk penaltie.

Girsall Arthour, Agnes Smyth, Jean Stewart, Janet Cuming wer fried from the joges for paying aught marks and they ar ordained to go to the stooll on Sunday nixt.

January 3rd.—A fasting Sunday. The persone preached befor noone and Mr. David Stirk efter. The preparatione sermone before the Communion to be on Satterday nixt at ane efternoone.

January 10th. — Communion day, the persone preached befor and and efter noone and gaue exhortatioun to the tables, aucht tables being served. Collected 58 libs. 12s. To George Imlach, wright, for nailes and seting up the Communion table 54s., also to the four officers and the kirk officer for keiping the kirk dores and helping to set up the table 54s.

January 20th.—*50 lbs. dealt to the poor.*—Before the session Androw Annand, thesaurer, brought in 50 libs. money to the south ile of St. Geils Kirk and there dealt it to the poor. [41 persons whose names are given receive from 8s. to 54s. each]. The rest was dealt to sundrie disinterested poore things.

February 26th. — *Duncan for break of the Sabbath.* — Compeired William Duncan in Inchmarnach for grinding corne wpon the Sabbath day. He acted himselff to compeir one Tysday nixt wnder the pain of paying 10 libs.

March 2nd. — *The glaswright bund to uphold the kirk windowes.* — Compeired Alexander Forsyth, glaswright, who hade gotten his burgesschip of the toune for upholding the glas windowes of the kirk and

the queir and the south ile wind and water ticht and he sould have ten merks yeirlie out of the Sessioun for soe doeing sa lang as he leived. This he hes acted himself to doe.

March 7th.—*This col. given away.*—Collected 3 libs. 12s. 4d. This collection was given to a man who had a testimoniall fra the minister and elders of Aldearne schewing that this man hade his house and all that he hade brunt.

March 12th.—*Avas: kist and winding scheit.*—Androw Annand got allowance for bestowing upon a kist and a winding scheit to Androw Avas, who was ane of the toune officers, whilk extends to 4 libs. 3s. 4d.

March 14th.—*Litster of Keyth his petition granted.*—Compeird Archibald Forrester a litster in Keyth who hade his sone David Forrester contracted and thryse proclamed wpon Ursilla Dunbar within this burgh. He gave in a petition to the session desyreing that his sone sould go to Keyth and there seik his fathers and mothers blessing before he sould be married whilk was granted and the young man obeyed and yeid and sought their blessing, but they wold not give it.

March 27th.—The preparation to the Communion. The person preached. Collected 40s. The Session ordaines the Magistrates and Mr. William Coban and Thomas Cadell to wait on the tables and Mr. James Anand and Alexander Petrie is ordained to wait on the tickets at the kirk dores and efter to wait wpon the wyne.

March 28th.—The persone preached and gave exhortatioun to the tables. Collected at the tables 43 libs. 13s. 4d.

April 2nd.—*Col. to mak formes to the Communioun tables.*—The Sessione ordained Andrew Annand to give 20 merks of the money that was collected at the Communion table to be bestowed on timber and one a craftesman to mak formes to the table.

April 6th (Tuesday).—No session be reason of a meiting of the gentrie.

April 9th.—*Gordoune quyt for 54s.*—Compeired George Gordoun, skiner, for speaking some wordes to the persone at the receiveing of the tikets and for not coming to the examinatione. He sat doune upon his knees befor the sessioune and craued God mercie and all that was there and gaue a dollour to Androw Anand to be given to the poore 54s.

April 13th.—Ordained Margrat Hamiltoun to be warned to the presbetrie for papistrie.

April 16th. — *Act against swearers.* — The Session hes ordained that everie one that is found curseing or sweiring or taking the name of God in vaine, if it be maister or maistres of a familie they sall pay tuelff penies for everie tyme they be reprehended and if it be a servant they sall pay sax penies or els sit sax houres in ward.

April 18th (Sunday). — *A fast.* — The persone preached it being a fasting Sunday also he intimat that the covenant sould be subscryued the nixt Sabbath and the act against banners and swearers was intimate.

April 23rd. — Compeired Margrat Hamiltoun, spous to William Falconer, bailyie, and promeised to keip the kirk at preaching and prayers. George Gordon also promised.

April 25th (Sunday). — *Covenant subscryved.* — The person preached. The covenant was read and subscryved be sundrie.

September 7th (Tuesday). — *A generall thankes.* — A day of generall thanksgiving throw the thrie kingdomes. The persone preached.

September 12th — *Act for Marjorie Hayes seat in the kirk: Act for the reidars wyffes seat in the kirk.* — The Session ordained the footegang bewast the entres of Duffes dask to Marjorie Hay to sit in. They ordained the litill seat at the east end of the readers dask for William Murrayes wyfe to sit in.

September 28th.—*Act against building of wemens seates in the kirk.*— The Session hes ordained that no new seates for weomen salbe builded befor daskes in no tyme coming.

October 1st. — The Session granted roome betwixt the ministers wyfes seat and the north yle door to the piller of Pluscardenes loaft to Johne Meldrum, routmaister, and his wyff to build a dask.

October 15th.—*Acts of Session: Laughing in the kirk, Breakers of the Sabbath.*—It was ordained to be enacted that these that did laugh in the kirk or wsed any wnseimlie behavior thair heirefter sauld be censored at the will of the Session. Also they that went out of the toun on the Sabbath dayes to marcates or when they were out of the toun one the Sabbath dayes, if they doe not keip the kirk in the parisch they sall hapen to be in they sall be censored at the will of the Session.

October 22nd.—The session give a poore boy caled Johne Patersone a stand of Scotes gray with a pair of hose and schoone.

November 2nd. — *Act of Session for the Skiners dask.* — William Robertsone and James Chalmer, in name of the Skiners, gave in a

petitione to the Sessioun desyreing libertie to tak sum timber out of the Trinitie Church and a roume be east the north piller of the queir to build a dask for the Skiners.

November 26th. — *Murray for break of the Sabbath.* — Compeired James Murray for selling of nutes upon Sunday at even being Hallow-even. He is ordained to ward till he find cautione that he stand at the pillar on Sunday nixt and confes his fault and craue God mercie and the congregatione. He gaue John Chalmer and Walter Gillan cautioners and he for their releife wnder pain of ten libs.

November 28th (Sunday).—A fast intimate to be the nixt Sabbath for the troubles of Irland.

November 30th (Tuesday).—No preaching nor sessioun be reason of a mercate.

[The elders are still elected yearly.]

December 7th.—Ordained the examinatione to be intimate the nixt Sabbath to begin on the Tysday at night following and these that were absent the last yeir their penalties is ordained to be dowbled.

December 12th. — *A colection for Smyth.* — Collected £24 0s. 8d., given to Johne Smyth in Neather Manbeanes who had his hous brunt.

December 30th (Thursday).—Mr. Robert Innes preached, being the visitatione of our kirk. Collected 18s. 8d.

1642.

January 21st. — *Intimatione of the Tysdayes preaching to be better kept.*—The Session ordained the Tysdayes preaching to be intimate to be better keipt and that a visitor and ane officer go throw the toune to sie there be no booth doors open in tyme of preaching.

January 30th.—*Ordinance of Session.*—Visitors ordained to go throw the toune everie Tysday.

February 8th. — *Skiners petition denyed.* — Compeired William Robertsone and James Chalmers, skiners, as commissionars from the Skiners, desyring ane coume aboue their dask, whilk was voted and refussed.

February 13th. — *The Skiners petition granted.* — Compeired James Chalmer and gaue in a petition for a foot broad befor the Skiners dask

for their wyues to sit on quhilk sould be bund wp with cleiks or els taken away in tym of the Communion; upon that condition it was granted.

February 20th.—The persone preached. He intimate out of the pulpit that the landwart of the parisch schould come in heir to heir the preaching and not to go to other churches; wtherwayes to be wpon their owne hazard.

Act that no aill sould be sold on the Sabbath except in caice of necessitie. — Also he intimat that no oastler sould sell aill one the Sabbath, but in caice of necessitie at diner or super or to people coming to the kirk to refresch them, wtherwayes to the sellars hazard.

February 27th. — *Intimatione for the Irisch contribution.* — The contribution for the distressed that cam out of Irland was intimat to be gathered.

March 6th. — *Coban his petition.* — Mr. William Coban sent in a petition desyring to be received for a slaughter comited be him. The Session knowing the man to be penitent and to have agried with the pairtie condiscended all in ane voice he sould be received the nixt Sabbath he sould stand at the pillar in sakcloath.

March 13th. — Mr. William Coban receiued from the pillar for slaughter.

May 5th (Thursday).—The persone preached, James Douglas, baillie, being maried wpon Marjorie Hay. Colected 9s.

May 18th. — *Couper received from excommunicatione.* — The person preached and received William Couper from his excommunicatione, he being to be execute.

May 22nd.—Ane dask granted to James Sutherland, tutor of Duffes, for paying of twantie marks it being a pairt of the common seats.

June 7th. — *Pettendreiches fordask acted: Baillie Cumingis wyfes seat acted* — The laird of Pettindreich gaue in ane bill for ane dask befor his dask that might hold two or thrie of his servandis, also George Cuming, baillie, got libertie to build ane seat for his wyff at the east syd of the westmost pillar of my Lord Murrayes loaft befor Pettindreiches fordask.

July 8th.—*Makkayne for St. Ringands fast.*—Compeired Katherine Makkayne for fasting Saint Ringands fast. Scho is refered to forther tryal and admonisched.

August 2nd.—*Fimister acted for slander.*—Agnes Fimister being in ward for slandering Androw Layng, scho was lattin out being acted wnder paine of banischment and burneing one the cheik that scho sall not speak any euill word to any in tyme comeing.

September 2nd.—*Patersones wyffes seat.*—The Session gaue libertie to John Patterson, Sheriff-Clerk, to put to ane litle seat befor the tutor of Duffes dask door for his wyf to sit in.

September 14th. — They granted the play to the bairnes of the Gramer School aught dayes.

September 18th.—*Intimatione.*—They ordained that it schould be intimat the nixt Sabbath that nane of the poor sould beg on the Saboth dayes and that no maner man or woman sould give them anything at the kirk doores or wtherwayes they sall get nane of the collection, when it is gathered and distributed.

Ordinance of Session for Watson.—The Session ordained that intimatione be made the nixt Sabboth for gathering a contributione at the kirk doore to give Doctor Hardie for curing a poor manes lip of the cancer cald Androw Watsone. [Collected 23 lib. 10s.]

October 16th (Sunday).—No Session becaus of ane buriall.

October 21st. — *Depursed be the thesaurer.* — The Session ordained Androw Annand to give John Mill in Develliegreine, who had his hous brunt, 8 lib.

November 15th.—The Sessioun ordained that warders get nothing to eat or drink bot bread and watter.

November 18th.—The Sessioun ordained all that danced one Hallow even to stand in ward 24 hours and pay ilk ane of them halff a merk to the officers, which they did.

Andersone banisched. — Whilk day Elspet Andersone being in the laich tolbooth for flyting, scalding and stealing, scho willinglie acted hirselff to be banisched presentlie and that scho sould never lodge ane night in Elgin efter this and if ever scho be found in Elgin scho is ordained to be brunt on the cheik and banisched.

November 20th (Sunday).—No meiting of the elders becaus of ane buriall.

December 16th.—*Cuik admonisched.*—Alexander Cuik compeired for not keiping of the kirk. He is ordained to be particularlie and publiklie

admonisched out of the pulpit and to give signes of repentance befor the congregation.

December 20th.—*Barbra Innes acted.*—Compeired Barbra Innes for byding away from the kirk and going to the Freir kirk; if scho byde away from the kirk or be seine going to the Freir kirk or be heard scalding with hir neighbours scho is ordained to be banisched.

1643.

January 1st.—The minister and elders ordained Alexander Leslie, baillie, to go with the person as reulling elder to the visitatione of the Kirk of Bellie.

January 10th.—Collected 12s. 8d. and given to the cutlers wyff.

January 31st.—They ordained Androw Annand to give out of the Irisch contributione to ane dumb man that was ane ministers sone ane dollar.

February 5th (Sunday).—The Declaratione was publiklie read.

February 12th. — *Irisch.* — To ane distressed minister from Irland, cald Mr. Patrik Glass, sax dollars.

February 17th. — *Pettindreich admonisched.* — The Session ordained Robert Dunbar and Alexander Russell, elder, to goe speak the Laird of Pettindreich for not keiping of his oune parisch kirk and report their dilligence.

To ane ministers daughter cald Marjorie Hay, who had hir father killed in Irland be the Rebells, twa dollars.

February 24th. — *Ordinance to be intimat.* — The Sessioun ordaines that nane in the landwart byd from their owne parisch kirk.

March 17th.—Compeired Katrein Dasone for going to the Chanrie kirk. Scho denyed. It is ordained if scho be found there againe scho sall be censored at the will of the Sessioun.

Barbra Innes and Margrat Bell is ordained to be put in ward for their none-compeirance. John Fraser is acted cautione for Barbra Innes that scho sall compeir at the first citatione, this is for flyting and sweareing.

March 18th. — The preparatione for the second Sabboth of Communion. [Six] elders to wait on the doores for the tiketes and to serue the tables and Alexander Russell, elder, to wait one the stoupes.

Compeired George Gordoun for papistrie. He is refered to the presbitrie.

Irisch.—Compeired ane distressed Irisch woman cald Anna Griffith, sometyme spous to Mr. William Murray, ane minister in Irland, whom the rebels there, as hir testimoniall declared, hade crucified. Given to hir out of the contribution for Irland fyue dollars.

April 2nd.—George Gordone declared himself publictlie be his oath that he was not a papist.

April 9th. — The keeping of the afternoones preaching intimat. Johne Robertsone intimat excommunicat and non to reset him. Issoble Mowat intimat a seducer and non to receive hir. The forbidding of going to walls or chapells intimat.

April 14th.—The Sessioun ordained the minister with tua elders of ewerie quarter to go throw the toun one Wednesday nixt to wisit the poore and try ewerie quarter and ewrie hous to sie how thei leiued and wherfra they cam that the toun might not be troubled with stark beggares, nor stragling beggares, nor whoores, nor theives, with the quhilk the toun has bein troubled bygane.

April 16th. — *Ireland.* — To be givin out of the contribution for Ireland to sex Inglisch men being shipbrokin and souldiers to my lord Forbes 16 merks.

May 2nd. — For slandering Alexander Sutherland Thomas Gilmichell and his wife ordained to pay five lib. to the poore and to stand 24 hours in the new hous and to ask the pairtie offendit forgivnes or els stand on Saturday in the gowes two hours and to go to ward till thei set cautione.

May 21st.—Tysdayes preaching intimat to be keept better.

August 25th.—*Irish.*—To tuo women who hade young bairnes and come from Irland 40s.

[September Collections :—Sundays—3rd (Communion), 33 libs. 16s.; 10th, 3 lib. 4s.; 17th, 3 lib. 4s. 2d. les; 24th, 3 libs. 15s. 4d. Tuesdays—5th, 8s. 6d.; 12th, 9s. 6d.; 19th, 12s. 2d.; 26th, 14s. 2d.]

September 10th.—*Irish.*—To Elizabeth Cuming, spous to Robert Smyth, who hade a testimonial direct from the Commitie and Generall Assembly to the Sinod in Murray, they being distressed Irishes 4 lib.

out of the Irish contributione. Also to ane uther Scottis Irish gentlewoman who hade tuo or three bairnes tuo dollars. Hir name is Margaret Sime, hir husband being killed be the Irish rebells.

September 24th.—Compeired the minister, being speaking for a dask in the kirk for the laird of Innes. All the sessione thocht it fittest to give him the pairt where the visitours dask is to build ane dask for himselff.

October 6th.—*Irishes.*—The Sessione ordains Androw Anand to give to distressed people come from Ireland that hade testimonialls from the Comity of Estates and Generall Assembly being direct to the Sinod of Murray namely to Elizabeth Fairlie 8 merkis, to Elizabeth Weims 8 merkis, to Elspet Cuming 2 merkis, to ane dumb man caled John Sincklair 2 merkis, to Margaret Ross 12s., all this given out of the Irish contributioun.

October 8th.—*Sclaitter acted.*—Olifer Young ordained to enter on the sklaiting of the ile one Wedensday under paine of 20 lib.

October 10th. — *Act of Sessioun.* — The Sessione ordains that on Tysday fra the second bell ring to the preaching there sall be no fish mercat nor fra the bell ring to the prayeris ewrie day wnder paine of halfe merk the buyer and seller.

October 17th. — *Ordinance of Session.* — Whilk day the Sessione ordained that there sould be bot ane magistrate and foure elders with him in everie quarter and some of these to be changed evrie yeire at the will of the Sessione. Whilk day these were named who are to beare office of elders and deacons for this nixt ensuing yeire, 1644, and are to be intimate nixt Sabbath.

October 24th.—Compeired Johne Donaldsone and his wyff for not keeping the kirk. They are ordained if they be found out of the kirk again to be put in the jogges.

To three shipbroken men that came from Kirkwall and was going to Fraseresburgh 27s.

October 27th. — *Acts of Sessioun.* — The Sessione ordaines that quhosoever in the Old Mills resaittes or keepes any stranger without thei bring their testimoniall and shew it before the Sessione sall pay ten poundis.

The Sessione ordaines that whosoever is delate cursers or blasphemers of the name of God sall be put in ward on the Fryday efter the sessione and stand there till Satterday at ten hours and then takin forth and be put in the joggis till 12 hours and pay half merke to the officer.

October 31st. — *Corsar banished.* — Compeired Agnes Corsar for cursing and scalding and stealling, whooring and resetting of whoors. Sho is ordained to be banished betuix this and Mertimes.

November 5th (Sunday).—The elderis was receiwed and they sware and subscrywed the League and Covenant.

The minister and elders conveind. They ordained the nixt Sabbath a fast and that the whole parroch sould sweare and subscrywe the League and Covenant.

Compeired Robert Stronach for breaking of the Sabboth. They ordained him till ward till the morne after the prayeris and then to act himselfe not to doe the lyke againe under what pain the Sessione sall enjoyne him, whilk he did.

Also ordained Androw Annand to give ane distressed man that come out of Ireland, called William Craighead, of the Irish money 12s.

November 12th. — *The Covenant suorne.* — Sunday, 12th November, being ane fasting day the persone preached, whilk day the people, both men and women, did swear and subscrywe the League and Covenant.

November 17th.—To ane poor man that came out of Ireland cald William Dalgardno 12s., also to give ane poore woman that hade ane chyld cald Margaret Reid 27s.

November 24th.—Alexander Williamsone cald, not compeired. The foure officers are ordained to bring him and put him in ward for his wnreverent speech in saying he hade gottin twyse wrong.

November 28th.—Alexander Williamsone compeered, ordaines him to stand at the pillar in sackcloth and crave mercie for his falt.

December 22nd. — *Ordinance of Sessione.* — The Sessione ordained that whose seruands sall not work on the 25th day December there fies sall be brought in to the Sessione and their bodies punished at the will of the Sessione, and if their maisters hawe payed their fies already they sall pay it ower againe to the Sessione. This to be intimate.

December 26th.—*Irish.*—To ane poor man that came from Ireland, cald William Tourner, quho hade three or foure bairnes, 26s.

1644.

January 9th.—To ane distrest man that cam out of Pol, cald David Livingstoun, out of the Irish contribution, 8 merks.

January 16th.—To give out of the Irish contribution 4 lib. to Donald Roxburg, 2 merks to Cutbeard Bar, 8s. to Johne Wilsone.

January 28th.—*Ordinance of Sessione.*—The Sessione ordains that none sall be contracted except they come and say the Lords Prayer, the beleife, and the Commands. This to be intimate on Sunday nixt.

February 2nd. — Compeired Agnes Murisone, aleadged to be ane witch. Sho is ordained to be put in ward till they see if there be any that hes delationes to give in against hir. This to be intimate on Sunday nixt.

February 4th.—*Act of Session.*—The Sessione ordaines that none of the pensionars get ony of their pension nor any of the poore folkis bills be hard till they hawe the beleiff, the Lords prayer and ten Commands.

February 9th.—*Irish.*—To foure distrest people that came out of Ireland who hade their testimonialls, their names was James Hay, Francie Hay, Margaret Hay, Jean Hay, twa dollars.

February 16th (Friday).—Compeired Marjorie Bothwell for dinging her mother and cursing and swearing, ordains her to be warded till Sunday and to stand at the pillar in sackcloth with ane paper on her head containing—"This is the woman that pat hand on her mother."

March 1st.—*Dunbar contra Mitchell.*—Alexander Dunbar, notar, is ordained to proue Jeane Mitchell a witch betuix this and this day fifteen dayes.

March 5th. — *John Donaldson gifted ane hears to the toun.* — The provest and bailies ordained that it sould be recorded in the Sessione Book that Johne Donaldsone, merchand burges of Aberdeine, being ane borne bairne of Elgin, had givin the toun of Elgin the gryt hears that hingis befor the pulpit.

March 10th. — The fast for the armie one Wedensday nixt was intimate.

March 19th.—It was regrated of bearing of burne and carieing of caldrones and acquavity potes on the Sabbath day. The Sessione hes ordained the officiars to take all these they sie caried efter this that they may be disponed one at the will of the Sessione.

March 26th.—To Androw Stalker halff ane dollor for mending the Communion cupes.

March 29th.—To ane poore woman who was creple of both hands be the rebells in Ireland, she being called Margaret Duncan, one dollar.

April 2nd.—To ane distressed woman that is cald Jonnet Forbes, that cam out of Ireland, who hade tuo or thrie poore bairnes, tuo merks.

April 21st (Sunday).—The first day of the conventione of the gentrie and comones. The persone preached in the toun kirk, and Mr. Alexander Sumer preached in the Chanrie kirkyard. Collected at both the meitings £6 17s. 6d.

April 28th. — Mr. James Parke preached before noone, and the persone preached in the Chanrie kirk. Collected at both kirkis, £7 10s. 6d.

May 3rd.—To ane Irish woman, cald Issoble Grame, 5 merks.

It was ordained by the Sessione that ewrie ane that was found to be drunk sould for the first falt pay ane merke and after that to be punished according to the Act of Parliament.

May 14th.—Margaret Scatterland, that came out of the Enzie to this toun wanting a testimoniall, to be banished out of the town.

June 4th.—Compeired Elspet Findlaysone, quho hade com out of Edinburgh wanting ane testimoniall. Shee is acted to bring ane testimoniall againe the first of August.

Compeired Christen Foster for puting out plaiding on the Ladyhill to dry on Sunday was aucht dayes, it being thought a work of necessitie yet shee was ordained to stand befor the pulpit on Sunday nixt and confesse it was a fault publictly, that others may take example.

June 11th.—The Session ordained and acted that whoever comites any falt and denyes the same when they ar cited befor the Session and if the Session proue it, the denyer sall pay 12s. to the poor ouer and aboue their penaltie.

June 26th.—At Mr. Gawen Douglas, provest, his comand Elspet Andersone was taken out of the laich tolbooth, being put in for stealing and scalding. Scho is willinglie acted to be banisched with touk of drume and to be scourged if ever scho be sein in Elgine againe.

July 9th.—Elspet More being now in the new hous for scalding and flyting with Alexander Innes and Issobell Hardie, scho is willinglie acted wnder pain of banischment that scho sall never speak any evill wordis to anie of them heirefter.

July 26th.—The letter from the Generall Assemblie was presented for ane thanksgiuing to God for the victorie our armie had in Ingland against Prince Rupert, which is ordained to be keipt one Sunday the 4 of August.

July 30th (Tuesday).—No session becaus of the committie.

August 11th (Sunday).—The persone being seik, Mr. Dauid Collass preached.

August 13th.—Mr. Gilbert Ross our minister being departed this lyfe, there was neither preaching, collection, nor sessioun.

August 25th (Sunday).—Mr. George Hanna preached befor noone. No preitching in the efternoone becaus of the west expedition. No sessione.

September 6th.—There was ane promise of mariage ratified betuixt Mr. William Watsone, minister at Duthell, and Issobell Cuming, goodwyfe of Essill, George Cuming cautione for performance under pain of 100 lib.

October 6th.—The stent roll of the pleughes of the paroch of Elgin that caried meill up Speysyd to Ruthwein of Badinoch to the Marquess of Argyll — the lands and barronie of Pluscardene 12, Pettendreich, Devilliegrein, Over and Neather Manbeanes and Hauch 10, Bogsyd 2, Easter Kelless 2, Meikle Inerlochtie 4, Litle Inerlochtie and Whytfeild 4, Mostowie 2, Lewinshauch 1, Mayne 3, Thornehill 2, Easter and Wester Whytwreathes 3, Langmorne 2, Clackmarres 1, Blakhills 2; *summa* 50.

1645.

January 10th.—To Mr. Robert Tarrass and Mr. George Hanay, they being commissioners for the Presbitrie to the Generall Assemblie, be ordinance of the Sessioun 10 lib.

Whilk day Mr. Murdach Makenzie cam to Elgin and got his presentatioun subscryued.

January 19th.—The scollers of the Gramer Scool got 8 dayes play.

February 16th.—Collected 41s. There was given of this collectione twantie schillingis to twa poor seik sojors.

February 19th.—*Montross and Col cam to Elgin.*—The Irisches with Montross and Col cam in to Elgin and spoyled it and stayed till Sunday the 2 of March 1645.

March 9th (Sunday).—No preaching, no sessioun, no collection.

March 16th.—No preaching bot prayers.

March 23rd.—No preaching in the forenoone. Mr. Alexander Sumer preached in the efternoone.

April 17th (Thursday).—The ministers conveined and admited Mr. Murdach Makenzie to be first minister off Elgin. Mr. Walter Smyth preached, being moderatour, and receiued him, many of the toune and the gentrie with sundrie of the landwart being present.

May 11th.—No preaching, Montrois being in the toune.

May 18th.—No preaching. [Very few meetings of session held till June 29th.]

June 29th. — Mr. Thomas Law preached befor noone and Mr. Alexander Pringle efter. Collected 30s. 6d.

Whilk day within the south ile of Saint Geills kirk of the burghe of Elgin conveined in sessioun Mr. Thomas Law, minister at Boharm, moderator for the tyme, Mr. Alexander Pringle, preacher of Gods word, Mr. Gawen Douglas, prouest of Elgin, etc. They voted that place and seat befor the dask pertaineing to John Innes of Leuchars at the forsyd thairof, quhilk Sara Ross daughter to wmquhill Mr. Gilbert Ross, sometyme minister at Elgin, satt in befor, now to pertain to Bessie Dunbar, spous to Alexander Dunbar, sone to Nicolas Dunbar, baillie burgess thair, during hir lyftyme.

July 6th.—William Robertsone desyred the litle seat befor the entrie of Pettendreiches dask, possessed befor be Marjorie Layng, to his wyff, Bessie Leslie, which the Session granted.

July 20th.—Compeired Alexander Wrquhart and desyred the use of the readers wyfes dask in hir absence for his wyff to sit in, quhilk was granted.

July 22nd.—Compeired the waybyders from the kirk in Innerlochtie. They and all waybyders from the kirk ar ordained to pay 20s.

July 29th.—Christan Kay for slandering Elspet Dassoune and hir goodman is ordained to stand on Sunday at the pillar foot with the myter on hir head.

August 1st.—Agnes Johnstoun and Issobell Johnstoun for slandering Alexander Sutherland ar ordained to pay 40s. and stand at the pillar foot in tyme of preaching with papers on their heads and confess their faultes.

August 10th.—Ane generall thanksgiuing for the lat victorie in Ingland.

August 24th.—John Murray, wobster, for fisching on the Sabbath day is ordained to ward till he set cautione to go to the pillar nixt Sabbath and confess his falt.

September 5th.—It is ordained to intimate that ther be no burdinges caried through the toune on the Sabboth, as aquavitie potes or caldrounes. Also it is ordained that there be twa magistrats and twa officers to watch without the toune everie Sabboth.

September 24th (Wednesday).—The Gordounes cam.

September 26th.—No sessioun, the Gordounes being in the toun.

October 19th.—The Tysdayes preaching was intimate to be begun on Tysday nixt.

October 21st.—The Session hes ordained that there be no contractes bot on Tysday and Fryday and that befor ane of the ministers and twa elders.

October 28th.—The Session hes ordained that there sall be no booth dores opened on the Tysdayes in tyme of preaching wnder all hiest pain.

October 31st.—Compeired William Petrie for going to the Chanrie kirk wpon Sunday betuixt the second bell and the third, quhen he sould a bein in the kirk with the rest of Godes people. He is ordained the nixt Sabboth to ryse out of his seat and confess his falt publiklie and if he be found going there againe he is ordained to pay 40s. and to stand at the pillar in sakcloath. The Act against these that goes to the Chanrie kirk to their pretended devotioune is ordained to be intimate one Sunday nixt and they to be seveirlie punisched.

November 11th.—Compeired Alexander Murray, belman, for letting the Sabbath breakers out of ward. He is ordained to be put in ward and stand wntil these men be warded and pay their penalties.

November 23rd (Sunday).—No session becaus of Alexander Russall his buriall.

December 16th (Tuesday).—The Marquess of Huntlie cam to Elgin with ane armie. No sessione.

December 28th.—No preaching bot prayers. Collected 21s. 6d.

1646.

January 4th.—No preaching bot prayers. Collected 15s.

January 11th.—No preaching bot prayers. Collected 26s.

[No preaching till May 17th, except on March 1st, 8th and 15th, when Mr. William Maitland preached.]

May 17th. — Mr. Murdach Makenzie preached befornoone and Mr. Thomas Law efternoone.

May 31st.—Mr. Murdach Makenzie preached befor and efternoone. He intimate the Directorie, Mr. Thomas Law being at the Assemblie.

Keir for breaking of Saboth.—Compeired Thomas Keir for spreading of muk on the Sabboth night at even. He is ordained to be receiued out of his seat and admonisched publiklie.

Banks and Pantoun for break of Sabboth.—Compeired John Bankes for being drunk one the Sabboth and for dinging of Jeane Pantoun, scho being drunk also. The Session ordained them both to stand at the pillar in their owne cloathes and to be admonisched publiklie and if ever they doe the lyk againe they sall stand in the joges tuo dayes and in tyme of preaching to stand at the pillar foot in hair cloath with ane paper on their head.

June 2nd.—*Act of Sessioun against breaking of the Sabboth.* — The Sessioun ordained the Sabboth to be keipt from Satterday at tuelve hours at night till Sunday at tuelve hours at night and dureing the 24 hours there salbe no scheiring nor leading of corne, no muking or spreading of muk, no fisching at wateres, no breweing of aill or aqwavite, no travailling to markets or from markets, no carieing of caldrouns or aquavite potes, no yoking of cairts or sledes or doeing of any servill work which may be comprehended under the breaking of the Sabboth wnder all hiest pain or censor of the Sessioun.

June 9th.—*Clerk fie payed.*—Paid to William Murray, being clark to the Session, the 20 lib. he gets yeirlie for that service.

June 14th. — *Intimatione.* — Mr. Murdach Makenzie preached and intimate the declaratione against the traitor James Grahme and his Irisches. The actes was also intimat against swearers and drinkers of healthes and drunkards.

June 23rd.—*Heritors to be warned.*—The heritors of the parisch ar to be warned to be heir the nixt Fryday for chuseing of men for wplifting of pecuniall soumes of swearers, drinkers of healthes and mokers of pietie according to the act maid at Pearth in Agust the 7th 1645 yeirs.

June 28th.—The ministers, heritors and elders conveined. They ordained for taking up the paines within this burgh the provest and the baillies, and for the landwart at the west Jerome Spence, at the east Gilbert Innes of Blakhills.

July 21st. — Margrat Hamiltoun for drinking and scalding one the Sabboth day ordained to stand up in hir seat and be admonisched publiklie.

August 9th.—Compeired Barbra Innes, scho being in the Chanrie kirk in the tyme of the preaching. Scho is ordained to ward till scho pay tuantie schillings and be receiued at the pillar foot the nixt Sabboth. Scho payed 18s. presentlie.

August 14th.—Ordained that what elder soever sould be absent from the sessioun ather in burgh or landwart sax sessioun days together sall pay 40s.

August 16th.—*Act for elders that keipes not kirk and sessioun.*—If any elder stayed away from the kirk and sessioun fyfteine dayes together without ane verie reasonable excuse he sall pay 40s.

August 21st.—No sessioun, Midletounes troupes being in the toun.

[Average of the Tuesday's collections in September, 11s. 10d.; average of the Sunday's collections in September, £2 18s. 7d.]

October 9th. — *Kowie alleadged ane witch.* — The Session ordained intimatione to be out of the pulpit that who soever had any ditayes against Janet Kowie, scho being in ward and alleadged ane witch, that they sould declar the same befor Thursday nixt.

October 18th. — *Glass his ordinance.* — Compeired Thomas Glas for dryueing scheip on the Saboth. He is ordained to pay 8s. to the officers and to stand at the pillar foot the nixt Sabboth, and if he be found to doe the lyk againe the scheip salbe confiscat and giuen to the poor.

October 20th.—*Candle lighted in the kirk.*—The Sessioun ordaines Alexander Murray, belman, to begin this night to light four plak candle four nights in the weke everie weke sa lang as the examinationes sall be for the toune.

October 27th.—*Ordinance of Sessioun.*—The Sessioun ordaines all fornicators to go to the stool before the second bell ring or not that day.

October 30th.—*Ane dollar borrowed.*—The Sessioun ordained Robert Strachan to lend Alexander Murray one dollar at 55s. in name of the toune to buy candle to the examinationes.

November 8th.—*More ordained to be banisched.*—Compeired Elspet More. The Session ordains hir to be banisched the morne for breaking the officers face and saying scho wald gar the toun rew that scho was banisched.

December 11th (Friday).—No sessioun, the Marquess being heir.

December 20th. — *Intimationes.* — The not keiping of Yuile was intimate. That there be no lykewakes was intimate.

December 29th.—*Nicol and Neveine.*—George Nicol gave in a bill schewing the reasones wherfor he did not marie Janet Neiveine: 1. He could not get his parents consent, 2. He could not get his masters consent, 3. The woman was lous fingered, 4. That they promised him 100 merks and could nor wald pay it.

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January 15th.—George Nicol is ordained to be frie of the contract of mariage and to pay aught pound and to stand at the pillar foot on Sunday nixt.

January 24th.—The Sessioun ordained that one the Sabboth dayes when the visitours comes in to the kirk ane of the officers, day about, sall go to the Chanrie kirk and report what they sie or heare there.

February 14th (Sunday).—No preaching, Lo. Louite being heir.

February 16th (Tuesday).—No preaching, Lo. Louite being in the toune.

March 23rd.—*For finding out complyers.*—The Session being posed if any of them knew any besyd these that ar already delat within this congregatione to have complyed with the publik enemie in any of

the poynts contained in the Act of the Generall Assemblie and being particularly enquyred be the moderator theranent non is delate as guiltie.

March 28th. — *Ordinance of session and counsaill for servants.* — In regard of servantes insolencies in thir troublesome tymes wherein some rejects service that they may leiue louslie and uthers leaue their masters without their knowledge or consent, to restrain such lawless libertie the session ordaines that no servantes, men or women, leave at this ensuing term without their masters knowledge or consent under pain of losing their half yeirs fie and that nane of the forsaid servands, cast themselves louse from service on pretext of taking up house themselves under the pain of imprisonment and that none fie for harvest outside the burgh without the baillies consent and that no servant be received from other places without a testimonial from the minister of that place.

March 30th (Tuesday).—Collected and given to the hangman 12s. 4d.

April 30th.—Janet Glas for hooreing and following of sojors ordained to be banisched the morne with the sound of the bell and not to be reset againe.

June 6th.—*Excommunicats.*—The names of the persones that were intimate excommunicat are these: 1. Luice Gordoun, sone of the lat Marques of Huntlie, 2. Leith of Harthill, 3. Patrik Gordoun caled Steillhand, 4. Alexander Gordoun of Arrandoull younger, 5. Arthour Forbes of Hattoun, 6. Mr. Alexander Innes, 7. Mr. William Maitland, 8. John Gordoun of Fechle. Also the Act against complyars was intimate.

Citationes for slaughter. — Also Thomas Nucol, George Nucol, Alexander Nucol were cited for slaughter and ar to be excommunicat the nixt Saboth day.

June 13th.—*Peni. complyers.*—Complyers receiued against the pulpit in sakcloath: George Gordoune of Achinreath, John Gordon his sonne, Alexander Gordoun, Alexander Andersone.

Excommunicats. — These that followes were excommunicat for slaughter, George Nucol, Alexander Nucol; and Thomas Nucol to be admonisched.

June 18th. — *Sime for slaughter.* — Robert Sime in Achtertyr and James Mortimer to be cited for slaughter to satisfie the kirk.

The fast was intimate to be kept the nixt Sabboth for the plague.

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June 22nd.—Robert Sime and James Mortimer compeired. They are ordained to stand fyue dayes at the pillar foot in sakcloath and then be receiued as they sie them penitent.

July 2nd.—*Lilie acted.*—James Lilie was acted wnder pain of fyue pund that he sall not put in any hors in the Chanrie kirkyaird.

July 4th. — *Intimatione against Brydals.* — There was intimatione made that there sould be no pennie brydaills efter Tysday nixt and that everie ane that makis them sall pay 20 lib. and those that bides mak them ten pound and they that comes to them halff a dollar.

Laughers in the kirk.—George Marteine, Alexander Layng, Issobell Hardie and Issobell Dunbar to be cited for laughing in the kirk.

July 6th.—Alexander Layng and Issobell Dunbar compeir and ar ordained to stand at the kirk door with the myter on their heades and then to the pillar foot. George Marteine and Issobell Hardie ar ordained onlie to the pillar foot.

July 11th. — *Wilsones ordinance for biging peats.* — David Wilsone to stand at the pillar foot for biging peats on the Sabboth.

July 18th. — *Act intimat for Testimonialls.* — It was intimat that these who sets housses to strangers or receiues men servants or weemen servants without testimonials sall abyd the highest censor of the Sessioun.

Pethnik recommended from excommunicatione. — Compeired Walter Innes of Pethnik in face of the congregation and testified be evident signes in sakcloath his deepe remors and sorrow of heart for the slaughter of George Gordoun of Achynachie within the parioch of Keyth for the which he was excommunicate, and therefor seing the forsaid penitent did compleat seven Sabbothes in sakcloath according to the ordinance of the Provinciall Assemblie off Murray, he was relaxed from the sentence of excommunicatione.

July 20th. — *Ordinance of sessioun for them that goes over Spey.* — It is ordained be the session and counsaill that any stranger that is within the toun if they go over the Spey that they sall not win within the toune againe.

July 23rd.—20 lib. to Alexander Murray, belman, out of charitie, in his present distressed estat throgh the violent plundering of his meanes be the publik cruell enemie.

August 6th. — *Foulartoun and Gibson admonisched.* — Compeired James Foulartoun and Alexander Gibsone for conversing with Luice Gordoun efter his excommunicatione. They were admonisched being the first tyme.

August 20th.—George Watson, balmaker, denyed that he spak with Luice Gordoun.

August 29th. — *Alexr. Hepburne his dask.* — Compeired Alexander Hepburne, portionar of Mekle Innerlochtie, and did supplicat the Sessioun for the uppermost degrie of the dask adjacent to the tutor of Duffes his dask westward wnder the north window. Granted.

September 5th.—*Janet Grant hir ordinance.*—Janet Grant, spous to James Naghtie, for slandering Christan Gordoun to stand at the pillar foot in sakecloath with the myter on hir head and confess hir falt, and scho is acted wnder pain of banischement that scho sall not be heard with the said Christan nor none other efter this.

October 8th.—No sessioun for the Heid Court.

October 19th. — *Layng ordained to be banisched.* — The Sessioun ordained Marjorie Layng to be banisched scho being an adulterer, ane theif and a scald and a Sabboth breaker and a blasphemer.

October 22nd.—*Gordoun reffered to the Counsaill.*—Compeired John Gordoun for not haweing ane calling to leiue by. He is reffered to the Counsall.

James Gibsone for striking Richard Waker one the Sabboth day is ordained to ryse wp in his seat the nixt Sabboth and confess his fault and agrie with the partie.

November 12th. — *Nucoll his ordinance.* — Alexander Nucoll having committed slaughter and haweing gotten a letter of slanes is ordained to stand thrie dayes in sakcloath at the pillar foot in tyme of preaching and to be receiued the fourth.

November 21st.—*Laying hir ordinance.*—Compeired Mariorie Layng. Scho is ordained to go the nixt Sabboth to the pillar foot and be receiued for hir adulterie. Scho gets libertie to stay ane month in the toun to try hir and if scho be no better in hir conversatione nor scho hes bein in the tymes bygane to send south for ane commission and caus droun hir.

November 28th.—The elders was receiued and sworne.

The quarters [of the burgh] devyded in pairts. Northwest quarter, Mr. John Douglas fra the West Port and without it to the wynd beside the Meikle Croce, James Tarras fra the said wynd to his awine hous, Androw Kay fra James Tarras his hous to his awine hous, Alexander Petrie fra Androw Kayes hous to his awine hous, William Falconer, baillie, fra Alexander Petries hous to Lossie Wynd. Northeast quarter, Thomas Calder fra Lossie Wynd to Alexander Dunbars hous, Williame Tarras fra Alexander Dunbars to Alexander Wrquharts, John Chalmer, notar, fra Alexander Wrquharts to Lazarus Wynd, John Hardie fra Lazarus Wynd all the rest of that quarter; Robert Hardie baillie over the haill quarter. Southeast quarter, Patrik Mursone fra the East Port and without it to the Grayfrier Wynd, William Sutherland fra the Greyfrier Wynd to John Andersones hous, Alexander Gibsone fra John Andersones hous to Alexander Tarrass his hous, William Winchester fra Alexander Tarrass hous to the School Wynd; William Robertsone baillie over all that quarter. Southwest quarter, Alexander Russall fra the School Wynd to his awne hous, George Cuming fra Alexander Russalls hous to James Douglas hous, James Douglas fra his awne hous to the Earll of Murrayes, John Mill fra the Earll off Murrayes to William Robertsones hous, William Robertsone fra his awne hous to the West Port and without; Nicolas Dunbar baillie over all that haill quarter.

December 2nd.—*Visitatione.—Aprobatione of the ministers of Elgin.*—The ministers, Mr. Murdach McKenzie and Mr. Thomas Law, being put foorth, and the provest, baillies and counsaill being desyred to stay in the Sessioun hous be the whol ministers of the presbitrie they ask of the counsaill what they thocht of their ministers. The counsaill ansuered all in one voyce that they were faithfull and painfull in their calling and honest and sober in lyff and conversatione and all of them prayed to God that they might be worthie of such pastors.

The toune being put foorth the presbitrie asked Mr. Murdach and Mr. Thomas what they thoght of their magistrats and people. They ansuered they thanked God for them especiallie for their magistrats and counsaill, who were faithfull and painfull in halding hand to see vyce punisched and curbed of all sort and they were admonisched to caus their people keip the kirk better.

William Murray was commended for being faithfull and painfull in wreiting and honest in his calling.

Alexander Murray was reprehended for being negligent in his calling about the kirk and not warneing falters in dew tyme and not keiping the kirk and if he mend not to be put out of his office.

December 5th. — *The hangmans 4s. taken away.* — William Ross, hangman, his 4s. that he got out of the poor folks box is taken from him.

December 19th.—It was intimate that none sould keip Yule.

December 26th.—*Landwart officers fies.*—The officers that is in the landwart shall get for their fies tua schillings of everie 20s. that they bring in of penalties.

December 29th.—[List of 24 of the most indigent persons made out] to receive help and mantenance monthlie the first Monday of everie month. The church thesaurer to conveine the said poor folks upon the first Monday of ilk month with the four deacones and to distribute to them 10s. Scots to everie ane.

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January 14th. — *Garden acted.* — Patrik Garden is ordained to be warded wntil he set catione that he sall not receive his daughter Katreine within his hous wnder pain of tuantie pund. Andrew Dik is catione wnder pane of 20 lib., and the said Garden to be banisched for accompanieing a man suspect of the plague efter scho was forbidden.

Patersone cautione for his man. — Thomas Patersones man being in service with the enemy is ordained to go to the presbitrie and his maister is acted cautione for his performance.

January 23rd. — Penitentes receiued: James Stronoch, his falt—in service with the enemie; Alexander Steven, his falt—convers with the enemie, bearing commissiones and receiuing protectiounes.

February 6th.—*Layng his ordinance.*—William Layng compeired for not giueing satisfactione to the Session of Forress. Ordaines him go to Forress and bring ane testimoniall that he hes satisfied their kirk betuixt this and Tysday the 15 of February under pain of banischment.

February 20th.—*Act of presbitrie intimate the Sabboth frie from fisching.*—It was intimate that there salbe no fisching wpon Spey nor

any wther water from Satterday at tuelve hours at even wntil Sunday at tuelve hours at night.

Ordinance of Sessioun. — The Sessioun ordaines ane elder and a deacon to sit in the west loaft to keip the landwart people in order and to be enroled everie Fryday with the visitours and collectours.

March 7th.—*Sabboth breakers.*—The Session ordained sundrie of the merchands who had travelled to a marcat on the Sabboth everie one who sould be found guiltie to pay two merks and to confess their falt publiklie one the Sabboth when they sall be cald on out of their seat.

Alexander Malice was reprehended for reseting Michall Urquhart the kard, he being excommunicat.

March 28th. — *Act of Sessioun.* — The Sessioun ordaines give a maister sall fie a servant one the Sabboth day he sall pay ten mark and the servant sall pay his halff yeirs fie and sall repent publiklie.

April 14th. — *Communion tikets payed to Alexander Murray.* — Alexander Murray, belman, is payed for the tikets that was given to them that was examined fyue merks and is obliged to mak them furth cumand and to receive no more moneyes for tickets.

May 2nd. — *Rot. Davidsone absolved from his excommunicatione.* — Maister William Sanders sent ane letter from Bellie, which the Session received, containeing that he had received and absolved Robert Davidsone, who had been with the Marqwess of Huntlie in the late rebellion, from excommunicatione.

May 7th. — *Ordinance of Session.* — The Session ordained ane collectour at the north door of the kirk everie Sabboth day.

May 20th. — There was ane promise of mariage ratified betuixt Thomas Warrand, merchand burgess of Elgin, and Jeane Douglas, daughter to James Douglas, toune clark of Elgin, Mr. John Douglas of Moristoune cautione for performance wnder pain of 100 lib.

May 23rd.—*Wilson payed 4 lib.*—William Wilsone payed four pound for making of penie brydals.

May 28th.—*Ordinance of Session for selling aill one the Sabboth.*—Ordained that whosoever selleth aill one the Sabboth extraordinarlie sall pay two merks, any honest man or householder that buyeth sall pay one merk, the servand that buyeth sall pay halff a merk.

August 27th.—Ane declaratione of the Generall Assemblie schewing the onlawfulness of the engagement in warre with England reade.

September 12th and 15th.—No sessioun, the ministers being in Ross.

September 22nd. — *Ordinance of Sessioun.* — The Session ordained these that resets travaillers or pakers one anie Satterday at night that they let the ministers know or they go out of the toune on the Saboth under all hiest censour of the Sessione, and that no merchand or tounesman go out of the toun to travaill to mercates wnder the above wreitten pain.

September 24th.—*The Act of the Generall Assemblie was intimate.*—The Act was read of the Generall Assemblie against silence in ministers in reproueing the sines of the tyme and such as upbraid or trouble them for their freedome.

September 29th.—No sessioun for the marcat. [Last entry in this volume. The new volume begins October 1st, 1648, and ends July 13th, 1675, but the first seven leaves are badly torn.]

December 10th. — *The people of Maine and Glasgrein admonisched.* —The people of Maine and Glasgrein were admonisched and scharplie reprehended for byding from the kirk and is acted under the pain of paying ane merk everie ane of them give they byd away againe.

December 14th.—The first day of the generall fast appoynted be the Comitie of the Kirk. The solemn acknowledgment of the breakes of the League and Covenant was read.

December 17th.—The second day of the generall fast. This day the League and Cowenant was subscryued.

December 24th.—It was intimat that the people keip not Yule bot work their ordinarie work wnder all highest censour of the Session.

December 29th. — *Logie and Ross their ordinance.* — Compeired Margrat Logie and Bessie Ross delat for siting idle one Yule day and wnchristian cariage to those that rebuked them. They are ordained to confess their falt publiklie on Sunday nixt wnder pain of banischment.

1649.

January 12th.—Janet Hervie confessed fornication with Mr. Angus Makenzie, ordained to ward till scho set catione to go to the stoole 2 Lords dayes and to go to the pillar foote the third day and stand in sakcloath and be received and pay fourtie schillingis.

January 24th.—The landwart people admonisched if they keip not the kirk better their names salbe read publiklie on the Sabboth and the absents seveirlie punisched.

January 28th. — James Gordoun *alias* Rivach was admonisched publiklie, his falt following of the Gordounes in the rebellion.

February 11th.—*Ordinance of Sessioun.*—Ordained the ruling elders of the Colledge and ane officer to visit the Chanrie kirkyard everie Lords day that there be no abuse there and bring the report to the Sessioun, also ordained ane officer to go to the Chanrie kirkyard everie Lords day in tyme of the efternoones preaching and through the Colledge to see there be no abuse and report to the Session.

March 16th (Friday).—No sessioun becaus the elders were attending sojors in toun.

March 27th. — *Ordinance of Session.* — The Session ordained the names of all the sojors of the late wnlawfull engadgment to be taken wp the nixt Fryday that they may confess their error and be received that they may have libertie to receive the Sacrament of the Lords Supper.

April 1st (Sunday).—A fast for preparation to the Sacrament.

Engadgers.—Compeired these late engadgers whose names followes: James Anderson, William Wilson yonger, Alexander Urquhart yonger, David Mawer, Thomas Mawer, Thomas Rotray, Thomas Aleis, James Stronoch, John Mitchell, George Marteine, Alexander Williamsone, James Tarras, Thomas Petrie and Walter Chalmer. These were ordained to be received publiklie one Satterday nixt being the day of the preparatione sermone and thereafter to subscryue the League and Covenant.

[The mitre is still in use as a punishment, but very few now have to appear barefooted or barelegged.]

April 7th. — *Engagers subscryued.* — All the sojors of the late wnlawfull engagment within this parisch confessed their sin publiklie and was received and efterward subscryved the late League and Covenant. [In 1648 it was carried in the Estates of Parliament to send an army to deliver Charles from captivity. When it was seen that to oppose the Independents under Cromwell was but to aid the Royalists and Episcopalians, or as they were called the Malignants, then the Church opposed the engagement.]

Intimatione. — It was intimate that noestranger men aproach to the tables except these who to our knowledge hes subscryved the late League and Covenant.

[Saturday 7th and 14th April, preparation days for the Communion. Sunday 8th and 15th April, the first and second days of the Communion.]

April 8th. — The searchers being asked according to our ordinar custom if they saw anything on the streits bot good order, they answered they saw no wther bot good order.

April 10th.—*Ordinance of Session.*—The Session ordaines Mr. John Hay, provest, to speak to the toune counsaill anent the change of the Setterday marcate.

April 13th. — *Act for the change of the mercate to Fryday.* — The session and counsall enact the Satterdays marcat be changed to Fryday, and this is but prejudice of the fish mercat whilk sall continue all the weke days according to wse and wont.

April 29th. — Sundrie who had not subscryued the League and Covenant did both swear and subscryve.

May 1st.—*Hamiltounes ordinance.*—Compeired Margrat Hamiltoune being cited for not communicating and not keiping the kirk and for going to the Chanrie kirk. She promised obedience.

May 4th.—*Ordinance of Sessione.*—The Session ordained everie tyme that Elspet Anand and Anaple Chalmer ar found praying in the Chanrie kirk they sall pay 20s. the piece.

May 11th.—The moderator ordained that Georg Nucall, ane excommunicate persone for slaughter, sould be spokin to the nixt Sabboth and as he is found penitent to receiue him a Sabboth or two efter.

May 25th.—*Act of Sessioun.*—The Sessioune ordaines everie hors or beast that is found in the Chanrie kirkyaird efter this the maister thereof sall pay 20s.

May 27th.—*Nucall his relaxation from excommunicatioune.*—George Nucall relaxed from the sentence of excommunicatione. He testified his deip remors for being at the slaughter of Robert Boyne.

Engagers receiued. — Murdo Mckenzie, Colein Innes, Alexander Andersone, James Warrand, James Stewart, Alexander Sutherland, Thomas Denoon, John Denoon, John Makentosch, Alexander Geddes receiued.

[Collections in May:—6th (Sunday) £4 6s.; 8th (Tuesday) 13s. 4d.; 13th, £4 0s. 10d.; 15th, 10s. 6d; 20th, £4 3s. 4d.; 22nd, no preaching; 27th, £4 10s. 8d.; 29th, 14s.]

June 5th.—Alex^r. Troup, sadler, was sharplie rebuked for travailling to Duffes one the Saboth and is ordained to be punisched if he be fond doeing the lyk againe.

June 8th. — John Hay of Knokowdie is allowed the use of the the goodman of Cokstouns dask during his abode within the parisch of Elgin with Cokstouns consent.

June 19th. — *Carters reprehended for not keiping the kirk.* — Compeired Alexander Rioch [and seven others], all these cart callers were scharplie rebuked for not keiping the kirk.

July 1st.—The elders got their charge to sie the Lords day kept holie.

July 10th.—The Session ordaines everie cart caller that bydes from the kirk any Sabboth to pay 20s.

July 13th.—Many of the people of the south-west quarter of the toune were cited befor the Sessioun for byding away from the kirk one the Sabboth. They compeired and were admonisched and scharplie rebuked and is ordained when their names are cald on out of the pulpit be the minister and they answer not everie one of them that ansuers not sall pay 10s.

July 15th.—*Visiting of the poor.*—The Sessioun considering the necessitie of the poor in this gryt dearth they ordained three or four elders and the deacones to go throw everie quarter of the toun and try who is indigent and bring the report thereof to the sessioun on Tysday nixt that they may be helped.

July 17th.—The report of the poor cam in and they were helped accordinglie.

July 20th.—*Mursones penie brydall.*—Patrik Mursone compeired for transgressing of the Act anent the pennie brydals. He was ordained to ward till he ather pay or set cautione to pay ten punds.

Falconar reffered to the presbitrie.—Compeired William Falconar for making three penie brydails in the space of twa wekes. Being decerned to pay ten punds and remaine within kirk wntill payment or securitie sould be given he most contemptuouslie rusched fourth at the door

raping it too with force behind him, saying he scorned to be warded be fellowes. 'He was ordained to be charged befor the presbitrie.

August 7th.—[Last contract of marriage recorded till 1668.]

August 21st.—*Thaine hir ordinance for penie brydals: Sutherland reffered.*—Issobell Thaine is ordained to pay ten merks for making of penny brydals contrair to the Act of Generall Assemblie and Sessioune. Issobell Sutherland for making ane penie brydall is ordained to consigne tua cross dollars and is reffered to Friday nixt.

Glas reffered.—Alexander Glas, fidlar, compeired for drinking and playing in the night one the viol to debosched men. He is ordained to ward till he set cautione not to play within the parisch of Elgin under the pain of tuantie punds.

August 24th.—*Falconar his ordinance.*—The ministers reported that the presbitrie ordained William Falconar to acknowledge publiklie in his oune seat his repentance of his scandalous cariage befor the Sessioun and that he sall be declared wncapable of elderschip wntill cleare evidentes be seine of his true humilitie and remorse.

August 26th.—*Generall fast intimate.*—The solemne publik humiliation and fast was intimate appoynted be the Generall Assemblie to be kept through all the congregationes of the kingdome.

August 28th.—Glas the violer has set cautioun to the Counsaill for his good behaviour till Mertimes and then to go out of the toune and the parische too.

Compeired Issobell Sutherland haueing befor payed two cross dollars for making a pennie brydall and supplicat the Sessioun be a bill and it being found that scho was insnared by promeises and reports of James Malice who was brydgroom hir money is ordained to be restored scho being a poor widdow.

August 31st (Friday).—No lectour nor sessioun for the marcat.

September 2nd.—*Bonyman acted.*—Compeired Jeane Bonyman spous to umq^{ll}. Alex^{r}. Leslie and is willinglie acted if ever scho be found guiltie of slandering any efter this scho salbe put to the pillar foot in sakcloath as the order is. This was efter scho was receiued and had giuen the complenar satisfactione.

September 9th.—*Declaratione read.*—The declaratioune of the Generall Assemblie was read publiklie concerneing present dangers and duties.

September 16th.—*Act of Assemblie read.*—The Act concerneing receiueing of engagers and malignants was read.

September 18th.—*Gordoun hir ordinance.*—Issobell Gordoun being cited for duelling in a house allone compeired and is ordained ather to go to service or to go out of the parisch at the next tearme.

September 25th.—Mr. Thomas Law is in Ros at the conventione of the brethren for taking order with some wnorderlie brethren.

The officers to poynd them that were out of the kirk till the richer pay 4s. the peace and the poorer pay 2s. the peace.

[Few cases now of going to ward by order of the Session.]

October 14th.—These that travailled one the Lords day out of Innerness from a marcat [Alexander Petrie and four others] compeired. They are ordained to sit in the loaft befor the pulpit one the Lords day and confess their falt in face of congregatioun and pay ilk ane of them to the poor 40s.

October 21st.—Robert Watsone cited for spying fisch in the water one the Lords day.

October 26th.—Robert Watsone cited for looking fisch in the water one the Lords day cleared himselff be his oath.

Robert Gilmichell, cited for leading of corne one the Lords day, is ordained to confess his falt in face off congregation at the pillar foot.

October 30th.—David Brodie being cited, compeired and confessed his falt in setting of kaill one the Lords day. He is ordained to go to the pillar foot the next Lords day and confess his falt in face of the congregatione.

November 2nd.—Janet Hossack cited for grinding of corne on the qweirne one the Lords day confessed that hir bairnes did it but not hirselff. Scho is reffered to farther tryal.

November 4th.—*Kirk doors to be holden fast.*—The Session ordaines the belman to lok the kirk doores at aught hours at even and to open them at four hours in the morneing.

November 9th.—*Man to be cited.*—Androw Man delate for biging a stak on the Lords day and for idolatrie, ordained to be cited.

November 11th.—*Act anent engagers read the 2 tyme.*—Intimatione was made that all that war in accessioun to the wnlawfull engagement against England or late insurrection repair to the presbitrie and offer themselves to discipleine conform to the Act of the lait Generall Assemblie.

November 13th.—*Schollars seats to be keipt.*—The Sessioun ordaines that none sit in the Gramer School seats till the scollars be first serued.

November 16th.—*Hossak for break of Sabboth.*—Janet Hossak confessed grinding corne on the qweirne on the Lords day. The Sessioun ordaines hir to the pillar foot the nixt Lords day and confes hir falt in face of congregatioune.

Janet Forsyth is ordained to stay in ward till the visitatione of the kirk. Robert Hardie and Alexander Urquhart to go with hir to the Chanrie kirk to sie where scho had buried hir bairne.

November 18th.—The visitatione of the kirk to be on Wednesday nixt and the people to resort to the kirk as they doe on the Lords day and especialie the elders.

Intimatioune was made that these that hes bairnes to be baptized com to the kirk befor preaching or lectour begin or else to want the benefeit at that tyme and to be censured at the will of the sessioun.

These late wnlawfull engagers haueing supplicate the presbitrie was receiued and efter subscryued the league and covenant, Alex^r. Gibsone sone laufull to Alex^r. Gibsone shereff deput, Alex^r. Burnet sone laufull to wmquhill Alex^r. Burnet merchand burges of Elgin.

November 19th.—Summa of penalties collected since 12 Aprill 1648 till this instant £299 5s. 8d. Collected for the poor £471 8s. 4d. since 12 Aprill 1648.

November 23rd.—*Man reffered.*—Androw Man being sumoned for alleadged break of Sabboth in bigging a stak one the Lords day and alleadged idolatrie in setting up a stane and wseing some superstitious ceremonies to it as taking of his bonat to it, he denyed the break of Sabboth bot he confessed he set up that stone to be a march betuixt his neighbours land and his, bot he deneyed any worschip or ceremonies used be him to it and offered his oath. He is reffered till farther tryall.

November 25th.—*Witnesses against Androw Man.*—Compeired William Man [and four others]. They said they knew nothing of him bot that he set up that stone and sometymes when he went by it he took of his bonat, bot they knew not whither it was to the stone or not. The Session ordaines John Gordon and Androw Brander, elders, with four honest men, to go the morne and see him break it all in peaces.

November 27th.—The witnesses reported that Androw Man brak the stone in peices.

December 16th.—*Act of Parliament read.*—The Act of Parliament concerneing the mantenance of the poor in everie parisch was read.

December 18th.—The Session remits the tryall of the death of Janet Forsyths chyld to the Shereff. The Shereff being sent for compeired and promised to put hir to tryall of ane assise.

December 21st.—*Ordinance for the toune and landward to conveine for the poors mantenance.*—All the housholders within this burgh and all of the parisch be east Lossie to come in to the kirk on Tysday and all the parish be west Lossie on Wednesday to give up their names what may be had from euerie on for mantenance of the poor within the parisch.

December 23rd.—These engagers was received: Alexander Dunbar and Thomas Dunbar.

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January 4th (Friday). — *Chalmer hir perturbance in the kirk.* — Mr. Thomas Law compleanes that yesternight Issobel Chalmer while at publik prayer in the church in time of a mariage in the midst of the last prayer most contemptuouslie did ryse and raise up with hir a gryt number of men and wemen in tumultuous way so that the minister was forced to intermit prayer. The said Issobell and hir train refused to stay when asked by the minister.

January 8th.—Alex^{r}. Dunbar in Dunkinty for the uproar in the kirk is reffered to the presbitrie. He confessed he took Isobell Chalmer be the hand and led hir to the door.

January 20th.—The minister intimat that these that is not examined and these that wants tikets cum in the nixt weke and be examined and receive tokenes, and that all com to the preparatione sermone on Satterday at ane efternoone.

Day of lectour changed. — The ministers reported that by advyce of the presbitrie they have changed the lectour to Thursday.

January 25th.—William Crombie, being returned from the sea, gifted to the poor 9 lib.

February 2nd. — Robert Innes sone to Alexander Innes somtyme in Oldmills was receiued. His falt was complyance with the ennemie.

February 3rd.—Captaine Androw Leslie was received. His falt was going one in the wnlawfull engagement.

February 17th.—*Intimatione of examinationes.*—The wekelie examination was intimat to be everie Thursday and the people to convene as they sal be warned be the officer and at the ringing of the bell.

February 20th.—*Ordinance of Session.*—The Session ordaines that tuo searchers walk one streits in tyme of preaching the on tuo befor noone and the wther tuo efter noone to have a cair that there be good order in the streits and that the people keip the kirk and this ordinance to be continued alwayes heirefter.

February 24th.—*Young boyes ordained to be belted.*—The visitors reported that Thomas Grants sone [and five other boys] were all sporting in tyme of preaching. They are all ordained to be belted.

March 10th.—*Shorter Catechisme.*—The Shorter Catechisme intimate to be used be all and speciallie be schollars and maisters of families.

Delat Sabboth breakers.—The visitors being enquyred of their diligence reported that Robert Kinards wyff was in the Freir Kirk at hir prayers and that Marjorie Waker was bearing peats on hir bak and John Rags woman was bearing a burding. All these to be cited. The elders got their charg to see the Lords day kept holie.

March 12th.—*Innes ordinance.*—Annas Innes, spous to Robert Kinard, being delate for going to the Freir Kirk to pray, being cited scho compeired and confessed scho yeid in and prayed for hir selff and hir bairnes, alleadging scho was not weill to come to the kirk. Scho is grauelie reprehended, admonisched not to doe the lyk againe wnder the pain of fyue pund everie tyme scho shall be found going their forby hir repentance publiklie.

Wakir hir ordinance.—Marjorie Waker ordained to the pillar foot.

Brabner hir ordinance.—Jeane Brabner had gone to Kintrea at hir mistres directioun for anc pect of oats the last Satterday and being not able to com home that night scho cam home the last Sabboth in the morneing. To confes hir falt publiklie in face of congregation.

March 17th.—*Ansuer to Grahmes declaratione.*—The Generall Assemblies ansuer to James Grahme the tratours declaratione was read be the minister befor the blissing in face of congregatione.

March 19th.—*Wm. Rose to hold out the beggars.*—William Ross to have half a mark wekelie to hold out the stranger beggars out of the toun.

March 24th. — Robert Strachan was ordained to grie with John Duncan, wright, for making a broad for gathering the poors money at the kirk door and pay him for it.

March 28th.—*Badges for the poor.* — The Session ordaines the poor within this parisch to have badges and Alexander Petrie to be spoken to for making of them.

April 7th. — *A generall fast.* — A general fast appoynted be the Commission of the Kirk for the hapie successe of the Commissioners gon to the King.

April 16th. — *Russall admonisched.* — Compeired Bessie Russall for travailling out of the toun on the last Sabboth. Scho said scho went not halff a myll to sie a neir friend of hirs that send for hir at hir last breath. The Session knowing hir to be a good kirk keiper and an honest woman scho was admonished.

April 18th.—*Act for travaillors on the Sabbath.* — Everie merchand housholder or above that rank within this parische quha sall prophane the Lords day by wnlawfull travailling sall for the first fault pay four merks, everie prentice servand ane merk, everie shopkeiper ather frie or stallenger 30s., and everie husbandman or woman two merks. For the first fault sall acknowledge their fault standing in the body of the kirk, for the second at the ordinarie pillar of repentance and double the penaltie, for the third falt in sakcloth and treeple the penaltie.

May 19th. — *Engadgers.* — John Hepburne in Inerlochtie and Alexander Watson received. Their fault was going one in the wnlawfull engadgement against Ingland.

May 26th.—*A thanksgiueing.* — A generall thanksgiuing appoynted be the Commission of the Kirk for the glorious victorie the Lord gaue ws against his and our enemies at Carbsdaill the 27th Aprill, 1650 yeirs.

June 9th.—The ordinance of the Committee of War was intimate: (1) that everie famillie schould eat bot 2 meales a day and the 3 meall given to the poor, (2) that all merchands and victuallers within the schyre sould doe their best to import victuall, (3) that no bear sould be made in malt efter this without the consent of the session of everie parisch, (4) that no fisches sould be transported out of the schyr.

June 16th.—The new psalme book intimat to be practised be all both in privat and publik.

[Texts now begin to be recorded.]

June 30th.—The visitors report that John Murray and his wyff was late coming to the kirk and they, being called, compeired and were rebuked.

Ordinance of Session for Mondays lectour. — The ministers, with advyce of Session, have appoynted heirefter that ane lectour salbe everie Mondie and catecheising everie Wednesday efternoone by and attour the ordinarie dayes alreadie establisched.

Massies dollars dealt.—Generall Major Massie left tua cros dollars to the poor. The Session ordained them to be dealt presentlie to sax indigent people.

July 2nd.—*Harald admonisched.*—Bessie Harald being warned and cald for byding from the kirk scho said hir husband was in the kirk and scho had ane seik bairnie whilk mad hir byd at hame. Scho is admonisched.

July 7th.—*Generall fast.*—Ane generall fast and solemne humiliatione at the appoyntment of the Commission of the Kirk. The reassones of it: for a blissing to the Generall Assemblie, for a blissing to his Majesties coming to the kingdome, that the Lord wold save ws from the invasione of the Inglisch, and for a blissing to the seasson of the year.

July 18th.—*Intimatione to be made against swearers.*—Such as salbe found publiklie swearing or cursing ordinarlie ar be Act of Counsaill to be put in jogs set up in tuo marcat places publiklie, whilk at the Counsaill past at the complaint of the ministers.

July 28th. — *Engagers.* — Engadgers receiued: George Forteeth, Alex^{r}. Chalmer, John Anand.

August 4th.—Ane fast appoynted be the Generall Assemblie for the blissing to the armie was intimate. These declarationes following was read be the minister in pulpit befor the blissing:—The declaratione of the Generall Assemblie of the Kirk of Scotland in answer to a declaratione of the Parliament of England wpon the marching of their armie into Scotland and concerneing present dangers and dewties in refference to the sectaries and malignants. A Short Reply wnto a declaratione intituled the declaration of the armie of England wpon their march into Scotland by the Generall Assemblie of the Kirk of Scotland.

August 15th. — *Gentlemen heritors.* — The names of the gentlemen heritours within the paroch of Elgin who was intimate out of pulpit the last Lords day to keip the randevous and to march from thence to the armie:—the laird of Pluscarden, Robert Gibsone of Linkwoods, Mr. Angus Makenyie, Jerome Spence, Patrik Paplay, Keneth Makenyie, Alexander Hepburne, James Hepburne, Laird of Pettendreich, Captaine Androw Leslie, John Watson, John Sutherland of Kelles.

August 20th. — Eightie fyue pundis to be distributed presentlie by the Session to keep the poor in this their gryte necessitie [56 recipients].

August 27th.—Margrat Gald, servitour to Alexander Steven, cited for bringing in water and byding from the kirk in tym of preaching, said hir mistres directed hir to wait on ane seik bairne. Scho was admonisched and acted not to byd from the kirk under censour of the session.

September 5th.—Issobell Thomsone confessed she was from the kirk sundrie Sabbothes and that she coft poysone not to poysone hir selff, but to mak a saw to cure a bairne. David Dunbar heard hir say that it was in hir hand that would be hir dead and desyred him to com to hir buriall. Scho said to Issobell Jonking that scho had thrie elnes of claith to be a winding scheit, scho being drunken. Ordained to stand in sakcloath in the jogs and then to go to the pillar foot.

September 8th.—John Inch in Pluscarden delate. His cloath mill was going sax hours at night on tua Sabbothes. He is ordained to stand at the pillar foot.

September 22nd. — *The fast intimate.* — The fast intimat that was ordained be the Commissionars of the Generall Assemblie the 3 of this instant after the defeat of our armie at Dunbar.

September 26th.—*Youngs ordinance.*—John Young for byding from the kirk and swearing, is ordained to be warded this night and to stand tua houres in the joges the morne and if he be found in the lyk againe to abyd kirk censour and delyvered over to the civill magistrate.

September 29th.—*Sabboth Fast.*—The Fast. Mr. Murdo [Mackenzie] lectored in the morneing Jere. 14 cap. Mr. Thomas Law preached first, his text Jere. 4 cap. 14 v., his lector Jere. 4 cap. Mr. Murdo Mackenzie preached efter, his text Hosea 5 cap. 15 v. Mr. Thomas Law lectored efter, Jere. 4 cap.

Ane declaration be the parliament and ane declaration be the Generall Assemblie against the Inglisch armie was read.

October 6th. — Second day of the fast. Mr. Murdo [Mackenzie] preached first, his text 5 Hosea the last v. His first lectour James the 5 cap., his lectour efternoone Deut. 32 cap. Mr. Thomas Law preached efter, his text Micah 7 cap. 9 v., his lectour Hosea 14 cap.

[The system of electing elders yearly still continues.]

October 22nd. — In respect of the abuse of the weeklie marcats and opening of buith dores in tym of preaching or lectour the Session ordaines ane elder and ane officer to wait on them that there be no buying or selling or booth doores open in tyme of preaching or lectour.

October 27th.—*Intimatione.*—Notorious scandalous persones ordained be the Sinod to be intimat against in all the pulpits of this province that nane have communicatione with them :—William Grant, ane alleadged warlock, fugitive from Bellie; George Sutherland and Annas Keyth, obstinat adulterers from Duffes; Alexander Makentosch, excommunicat for rap and murther from Innerness; James Riach and Margrat Smyth, adulterers and vagabonds excommunicat; Normand Duncan in the paroch of Ruthwein for bestialitie. All these following were intimate: Fugitives from the armie to returne to their colours as they ar requyred be the order of the Comitties, wtherwayes to be procest; Swearers, cursers, drunkards, prophaners of the Sabboth and all mokers of pietie to be punisched be the civill magistrat according to the lait Actes of Parliament; That no mercates be keiped nor booth doors open in tyme of sermone or lectour on the weke dayes wnder pain of all hiest censure and some elders and officers appoynted to be obseruars. The Kings letter concerning the levie was read.

October 29th. — *Wilsones ordinance.* — Christane Wilsone for buying fisch in tyme of devyne publik service is rebuked and the fisch to be confiscat and dealt to the poor.

October 31st.—*Cars ordinance.* — Issobell Car, spous to John Cowie, for revyling William Layng, baillie, his wyff and cursing hir, is ordained to go to the jogs at the second bell and at the third bell to go to the pillar foot in sakcloath with the myter on hir head.

November 12th.—*Hossak a charmer.*—Issobell Hossak to be cited to try wha charmed hir bairne.

November 14th. — Issobell Hossak called for causing charme hir bairne compeired and confessed scho send the bairne to hir sister, Janet Hossak, and hir sister took some stones out of a burne where quik and dead goes over and scho brunt the stones and did put them in watter and did wasch the bairne and cast the stones in the burne and the bairne was weill therefter. The bairnes name is Margarat Russall. Alexander Murray and John Forsyth, officers, is ordained to go presentlie efter the session and bring in Janet Hossak and put hir in ward.

November 15th.—*Russall catione for Hossak.*—Janet Hossak being in ward hir husband Wm. Russall in Over Manbean is catione to present hir under pain of fourtie pund.

November 19th.—*Hossak reffered.*—Janet Hossak ordained to ward and hir proces reffered till the witnesses compeir.

November 24th. — *A warning read.* — A short warning from the Commission of the Generall Assemblie concerning the malignants now in armes was read be the minister befor the blissing.

November 28th.—*Witnesses against Hossak: Hossaks confessione.*—Janet Hossak being in ward and being brought befor the Session and admonisched was enquyred who bad hir wse the wasching with the stones. Scho said a stranger heiland woman desyred hir to tak a sup watter and thrie stones and put them behind the doore all night and wasch the barne therwith and cast the stones and watter where scho took them wp on the morne and scho did so to hir sisters chyld and the bairne was weill therefter. Mr. Angus Makenzie said George Innes daughter being sick, Janet Hossak cam in and bad give the bairne a drink of aill and a drink of watter and no more, and scho took the bairne be the arme and griped hir puls and the bairne was weill therefter. William Duncan said he knew nothing of hir bot said ane yeir ago he found a piece of flesch in his corne rig and that yeir the corne grew not weill. The Magistrats at the desyr of the ministers caused put hir in ward wntill Mungo Douglas and his wyff sould be heir.

December 12th.—Thomas Duncan denyed that he reported that the said Janet hade put fyr in the first muk and that yeir the corne grew not weill. Margrat Scot denyed wasching hirselff and Margrat Russell at ane poole and diverse tymes raschlie took Gods name in vaine and is ordained to the joges for hir swearing.

December 15th.—The contributione for the prisoners in Ingland was intimat and the people admonisched and exhorted to deale liberallie.

The visitors being enquyred of their diligence they reported that there was many beggars on the streits and at the kirk doors. The session ordaines ane officer everie Sabbothe to put the beggars of the streits and als manie as cumes to the kirk doors and goes not to the kirk to tak them and put them in the new hous.

December 17th.—*Hossak.*—Alexander Petrie said that Alexander Innes in Oldmills told him that Janet Hossaks son being with him he belted him for a falt and he himself was seik half a yeir efter and the man that lifted the boy till he was belted was deaf efter. William Duncan said that David Taillor in Incharnoch and Androw Williamsone there sould want the schillak, alias fussion of there corne and that William Duncan and his wnkle sould have it. Item deponed that he heard Androw Williamsone say that Janet Hossak sould a met with hir owne kowes milk going away from hir and that scho brought it home in hir aproun. David Tailor deponed that to his knowledge he wanted the schillak of his corne two or three yeirs together and Janet Hossak said to his wyff he wanted the substance of his corne, also deponed that Issobell Catenoch in Wester Kelles three yeirs since in tyme of harvest heard Mungo Douglas wyff say scho wanted hir kyes milk and Janet Hossak being besyd said if scho wold give hir a pek of meill scho wold help hir to it againe, which scho got and therefter being enquyred if hir milknes was mended scho answered it was mended in pairt and Janet Hossak said it would grow better.

December 22nd (Sunday).—A publik humiliatione and a fast for the sines of the kingdome. Mr. Thomas Law preached first, his text Lamentations of Jeremiah 3 cap. 42 vers, his 1st lectour Psal. 130, 2nd lectour Psal. 10. Mr. Murdo Makenzie preached efternoone, his text the gospell of St. John 3 cap. 19 vers, his lectour Jeremiah 12 cap. Collected £4 18s. 8d.

Engager received.—Major Angus Sutherland was receiued being humbled and penitent for going on in the lat unlawfull and sinfull engagement against Ingland.

The fast for the sines of the kings hous and famillie was intimat to be keept on Thursday nixt being the 26 of this instant December.

December 26th. — *Fast.* — Mr. Murdo Makenzie preached first, his text 1 Tim. 2 cap., his lectour 2 Chron. 19 cap., his lectour efternoone 2 Psal. Mr. Thomas Law preached efternoone, his text 2 Kings 23 cap. 7 vers, his lectour Daniell 9 cap.

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January 7th. — *Gibsone acted catione for Hossak.* — Janet Hossak being ordained by the presbitrie to go to the kirks of Birney and Avas on the Saboth day and confes hir fault publiklie in sakcloath when scho salbe caled on be the minister and to com to the kirk of Elgin on the Saboth and confes hir falt and be receiued, was ordained to ward till scho set catione. James Gibsone is acted catione wnder paine of ane hundreth punds.

January 16th. — *Keipers of the 25 December their ordinance.* — Leonard Pedder, Alexander Wilson, Janet Fraser and Margrat Gordoune, being warned and caled, compeired and being qualified be witnesses that they were drinking and cursing and sitting idle one the 25 Dec. last they are ordained to confes their falt publiklie in their owne seats when they sall be caled on be the minister the nixt Sabboth.

January 19th.—The Act of the Generall Assemblie against complyars with the sectarian armie was read and intimate.

January 23rd (Thursday).—No lector, both the ministers being in the landwart taking wp the names of the people for the examinatione and for going with the scrolles to the randevous.

January 28th (Tuesday).—No preaching, both the ministers being at the Kairne of Kilboyak at the randevous with the scrolles.

February 3rd.—*Fors. Wattertoune and Mursoue.*—David Wattertoun, sojor, fornicator with Jean Mursone, is thought to be at Stirling with the armie. The elders is ordained to search for him and delate him if he returne.

March 2nd. — *The States letter read.* — The King and States letter was read declaring that none that hed bein in ony rebellioun or accession to the lat wnlawfull engagement sould be receiued to be ane officer in the armie wntil they give satisfactione to the kirk.

William Weir was admonisched publiklie, his falt — holding or haueing his booth door open the last Sabboth.

March 11th. — *Nota of lyght money.* — Walter Hay brought in of light money whilk he hade receiued from William Winster, late thesaurer, the soume of nynteine punds, of the whilk there is tuantie fyue schilling aught pennies copper money that is not pasgilt. The good money weyghes four wnce tua drop.

March 13th.—The ministers are desyred to speak to the Shereff of Murray for the blood alledged to be wpon Margrat Ines, that a commission may be purchased for to put hir to a tryall.

March 18th.—Rorie Makeny gaue in a suplication desyring to be receiued for his accession to the insurrection and he being thought humbled it was granted.

March 20th. — Androw Makaynd compeired for railling on the magistrats. He confessed his falt and is ordained to the joges ane hour and the nixt Saboth to go to the pillar foot in sakcloath and confes his falt publiklie.

March 23rd.—The second day of the Communion. Mr. Thomas Law preached first, his text Mat. 11 cap. 28 vers. Mr. Alexander Cloggie preached efter, his text the Song of Solomon 5 cap. 10 vers.

Receiued Rorie Mackenzie, his falt — following his master in the insurrection at Balvenie.

April 6th. — *Warneing read.* — Ane solemne warneing to all the members of the Kirk from the Commission of the Generall Assemblie read, with ane Act for censuring such as act or comply with the sectarian armie now infesting this kingdom.

April 8th.—James Grant and James Wilson, being latlie com from Holland, gave in ten merk everie ane of them to the poor.

May 4th.—*A Warneing read.*—A schort declaratione or warneing to the ministers and professors of the gospell given at Pearth the 20 of March last be the Commissione of the Generall Assemblie was read.

May 27th (Tuesday). — Mr. Tho. preached, his text 2 Psal. 3 vers. Collected 17s. No session for the mercat.

June 19th.—The first day of the fast appoynted be the Commission of the Kirk for the sines of the land, the king and the armie. Mr. Murdo preached first, his text 2 Chron. 13 cap. 13 and 14 verses, his lectour Psal. 28. Mr. Tho. preached efter, Dew. 23 cap. 9 vers, his lectour Psal. 144.

July 1st.—The Session ordaines Walter Hay, thesaurer, to distribut and mak count of 30 bolls meill coft for the poor.

July 8th. — *Ordinance of Session.* — Alex. Forsyth, glaswright, gave in a bill complaining upon Alexander Murray his sone for breaking of the glas windowes in the kirk. The Session ordained the boy to be belted and his father to pay for all the skaith he sall do to them heirefter.

Lachlan Ros bill granted. — Leiutenant Colonell Lachlan Ros is granted the uppermost end of Alexander Hepburnes dask to sit in.

August 7th.—*Fors. Nedrie and Wilsone.*—Janet Wilsone confessed fornicatione with Robert Nedrie. Scho is ordained to the stool thrie dayes and to stand the last of the thrie days at the kirk door with the sakcloath and the myter.

August 24th.—These excommunicat persounes were intimat: Colonel Strachan, Lieutenant Giuean, William Dundas, brother to the laird of Nedrie, Suyntoune, younger, Major Abirneathie, these for betraying the publik trust they had in the kingdome and complying and going in to the perfidious enemy.

August 28th (Thursday).—Mr. Thomas lectored Psal. 119 fra the 49 vers to the 81 vers. No session for the mercat.

August 31st.—*A Fast: A Warneing read.*—Fast at the ordinance of the Generall Assemblie for the sines of the kingdome, king and armie. Short warneing and exhortatione read from the Commission of the Generall Assemblie.

September 9th (Tuesday).—Mr. David Wilkie preached. This day no Session because of a rumour of the Inglisch armie.

September 21st. — Penitents receiued: Sir Georg Monro, his falt—going on in the rebellion with the Irisches.

December 1st (Monday).—The Inglisch armie cam to Elgin. No lectour.

December 2nd.—No preaching, the armie being in the toun.

December 4th.—No lectour.

December 7th.—[The ministers preached.] Collected 48s.

December 8th.—No lectour.

December 9th.—No preaching.

December 11th.—No lectour.

December 14th.—No preaching all the day armies going out and coming in.

December 15th.—No lectour.

December 16th.—Mr. Murdo preached. No sessioun. Disciplein is suspended a litle whyle till they sie what the Inglisch armie doth. [The meetings of Session were resumed about the end of January, 1652. The preaching on Sunday and Tuesday continued, but the lecture on Monday and Thursday was discontinued till February, 1652.]

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March 28th.—Mr. Murdo preached first. Mr. Tho. lectored befornoone and efternoone. Collonell Fitch minister preached efter, his text 16 Psal. 3 vers.

April 13th.—James Sutherland, tutor of Duffes, being com from the south gaue in tua rex dollars to the poor.

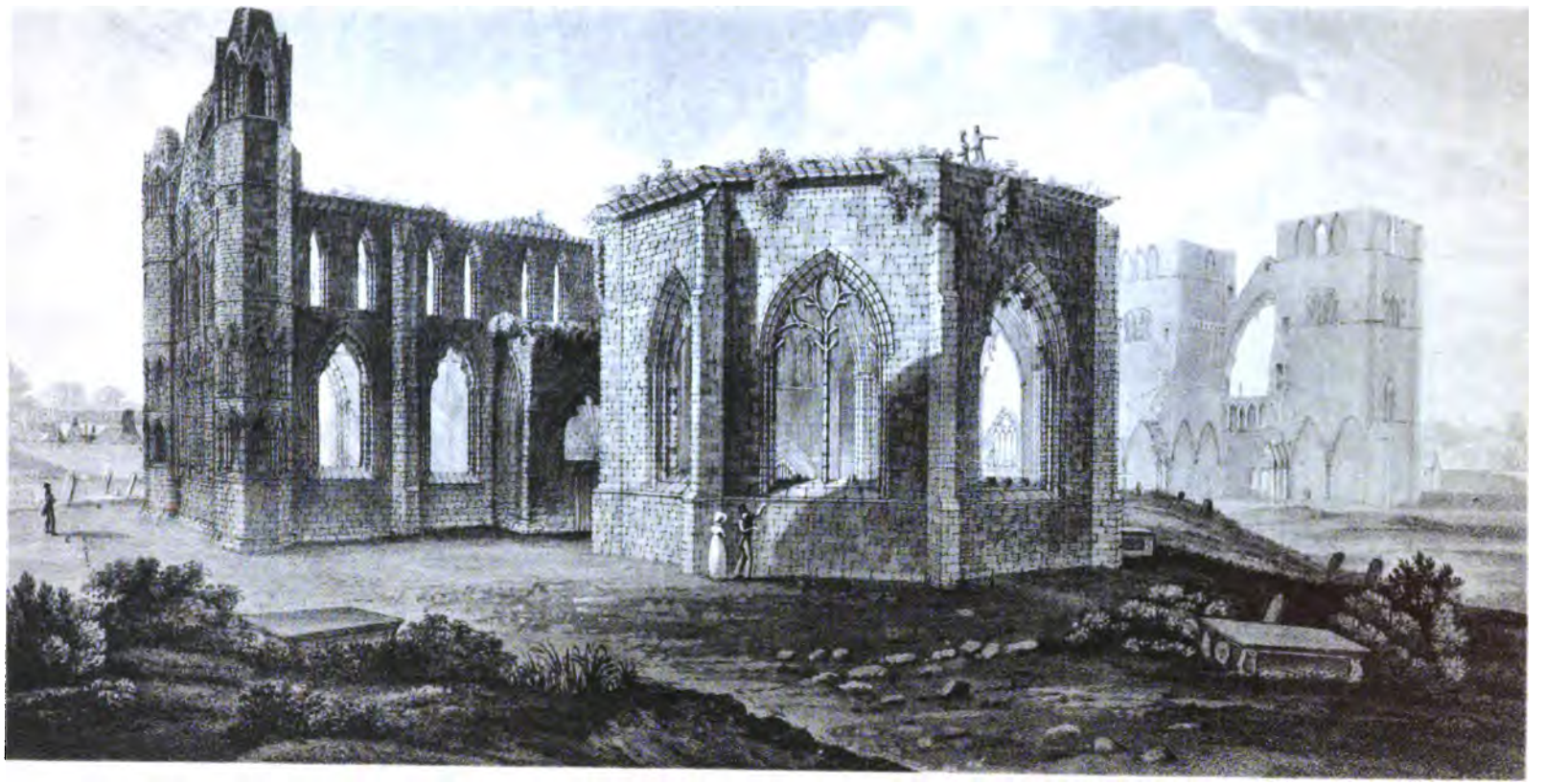
May 11th.—Janet Grant being warned and cald for aledged fornicatione with Inglisch troupers and drinking with them night and day compeired and denyed. Scho being a knowne loune the Sessioun ordaines hir to remove out of the toune within fourtie aught hours or els to be given over to the magistrats to be convoyed out with the hangman.

May 18th. — *Innes hir ordinance.* — Agnes Innes ordained for hir often whoordomes to go to the jogs one the nixt Fryday with a paper on hir head and to be delyvered to the magistrats to be banisched.

Dunbar his ordinance.—Mr. Foster, ane Inglisch man, compeired and delait James Dunbar ane elder for suffering sojors to drink in his hous in tyme of devyne service on the Saboth. The said James could not denie the same but said he could not help it. He is ordained to be publiklie rebuked and remoued of Session till the nixt election.

May 23rd. — *Ordinance of Session.* — The Session ordains that the women that goes to the stool their plaids be taken from them and the officer to be censured if he suffer them to have them heirefter.

May 27th.—Elspet Andersone confessed fornicatione with Richard Wilsone, a trouper, the man being fugitive. This being the 4 falt scho is ordained to the pillar foot halff a yeir and the magistrats to caus cairt hir throw the toune with the myter on hir head.



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July 1st. — Girsall Gibsone for open fornicatione with Seargeant Prestoun is ordained to sit 3 Lords dayes befor the pulpit in sakcloath with a paper on hir head.

July 8th. — Girsall Gibsone going to Innerness got a letter from Captaine Hill desyring modificatione off hir former sentence and it being schoune to the presbitrie they did quyt hir of a day and the paper to be taken away from hir head.

July 15th (Thursday). — No lector, the toun being ryding their landmarks.

July 18th (Sunday).—Mr. Tho. preached tuyse, this being a fast befor the Assemblie and Mr. Murdo being gon to the Assemblie commissioner.

John Dunbar, being com from Holland, gave to the poors box 20 lib.

Excommunicate persons intimate: Donald McInnes and Alister Makandrew in the parisch of Cromdaill for murder on the Sabboth being drunk, Patrik Grant for poprie and cohabitation with ane papist woman; Margrat Grant, Lady Dunkintie, for poprie.

July 20th. — *Mitchall for break of Saboth.* — Thomas Mitchall caled for setting plants on the Lords day compeired and denyed. The tuo millars in Bischopmill being witnesses the one of them said he hade plants and a drevill in his hand and the other of them said he hade plants in his hand.

July 25th.—*Mitchalls ordinance.*—James Winster deponed he saw him louting down and up as if he had bein setting plants. James Wood tailor deponed the same. The session ordaines Thomas Mitchall to go to the session of Spynie and give them satisfactione and bring ane testificat of the same.

August 8th. — Janet Broune being in ward since Maii last for not declareing who was hir bairnes father the session ordaines hir to be lattin out upon catione to ansuer at the first citatione.

August 29th. — Androw Kowie and his wyff, Elspet Cassie, is ordained to stand both in the jogs in sakcloath fra the first bell to the hindmost the nixt Sabboth and then to stand at the pillar foot the tyme of sermon and confes their falt in revyling and cursing Gibsone of Linkwoods and his bairnes.

September 16th. — *Makgoun to be carted.* — Elspet Makgoun compeird for scandalous conversatione and resetting of hoors and banisched

lounes. The magistrats ordains hir to be put in jogs and be cairted through the toun and to ward till then.

November 4th (Thursday).—No lector, the ministers being in the landwart gathering in the collection for Glasgow.

December 15th.—Alexander Fraser gaue to Walter Hay to be dealt to the poor 50s.

[During the year 1652 fourty-four cases of fornication and adultery came before the Session for the first time, English troopers being concerned in a few of them.]

1653.

February 6th.—Tuantie punds given to a poor man that had his hous brunt caled Johne Ascher.

February 8th.—*Dun for the Chapell.*—Elspet Dun compeired and confessed scho was at the Chappell of Grace. Scho said that James Rob in Coats of Langbryd and Walter Mitchall in Hattoun was with hir and James Hossak went with them and scho said scho drank once with James Hossak in Barell Ines hous.

February 17th.—*Makaleys seat.*—Margrat Makaley, spous to Mr. Murdo Makenzie, minister, is granted for hir and hir familie halff of the seat quhilk somtyme belonged to John Meldrum.

March 20th.—*Football men admonisched.*—Alexander Urquhart and others admonished for playing at the football on the Sabboth day.

Examinationes to begin.—The Inglisch now being out of the toun the session ordained the names of the people of the toun to be taken wp and the examinationes to begin.

March 22nd (Tuesday).—No preaching, the ministers and the people being gon to the Lady Duffes buriall.

March 24th.—*Proctor for break of Sabboth.*—John Proctor to stand at the piller foot in sakcloath with a paper on his head for break of Sabboth and drunknes.

Couper for going to the Chepall.—Margrat Couper compeired and confessed scho was at the idolatrous chepall and the wall and drank of the water. Scho is ordained to the pillar foot the nixt Lords day in sakcloath and ane paper on hir head declaring hir falt.

April 14th.—The Inglisch being com to the toune the ministers can not have a pairt to examine the people.

May 1st.—The session ordaines that there be no contracts bot befor or in presence of the session and that there be nothing sought from the poorest bot twelve schillingis.

May 31st.—Alexander Watsones wemen for danceing on the Sabboth day ar rebuked.

June 2nd (Thursday).—Mr. Thomas lectored. There was no session, the Counsaill being out of the toun.

June 13th (Monday).—No lectour, the Inglisch marching out of the toune.

June 28th.—Mr. Murdo preached. No session, both the ministers going to a meiting of the brethren with Sir Robert Gordoun about the kirk of Kinedour.

July 21st. — *Lady Dunkintie intimat excommunicat the 2 tym.* — Margrat Grant, Lady Dunkintie, ordained to be intimat excommunicat the 2 tyme the nixt Sabboth.

September 15th. — *Dun hir ordinance.* — Janet Dun compeired and confessed fornicatione with ane Inglisch sojor caled Steven Wach. The magistrats ordains hir to ward till scho be carted throw the toun the morne and then to ward till scho go to the stool.

October 11th.—*Gordoun banisched.*—The magistrats ordaines Janet Gordoun who confessed fornicatione with ane Inglisch sojor to be carted throw the toun and banisched.

Innes bursser.—George Innes, son to Androw Innes, going to the colledge a burser is ordained to get ten marks yeirlie so lang as he stays at the colledge.

October 18th.—William Banerman desyreing to haue his daughter to be contracted, quhilk had bein hendred befor be reason of ane alleadged promeis scho had giuen to ane Inglisch sojor, brought in witnesses who deponed that at their pairting the sojor fried hir and wsed some ceremonies as cutting of a gloue and breaking of a schilling. The woman is liberat to marie whom scho pleases.

November 17th (Thursday).—No lector the Inglisch horses being in the kirk quartered.

November 24th.—No session for vissiting the Gramer School.

December 13th.—*Act to be intimat.*—The Act to be intimat against marcats on the weke dayes that there be no buying nor selling in tyme of devyne service and ane elder and ane officer to wait upon the fisch marcat that there be no swearing in the marcat.

[During the year 1653 twenty-six cases of fornication came before the Session, in some of which English soldiers were concerned.]

1654.

January 12th (Thursday). — No lector for ane wnrullie partie of hilanders being in the toun.

January 16th.—No lector, the hilanders being in the toun.

January 17th.—No preaching, the hilanders being yit in the toune.

January 23rd (Monday).—No lector, the Inglisch partie being in the toune.

January 24th (Tuesday). — No preaching, the Inglisch pairtie yit being still in the toune.

February 14th.—No session for the Committie sitting in the ile.

February 19th. — Janet Malcome for hir many scandales and hir fornicatioun with Alex^r. Urquhart is ordained the nixt Sabboth to the pillar foot in sackcloath, and therafter the magistrates ordaines hir to be put out of the toun be the hangman.

March 2nd.—No lectour, the Inglisch horses being in the kirk.

April 2nd.—Penitent receiued : Thomas Clark, his falt—prophanatione of the Sabboth in sewing mens plaids together in tyme of devyne service.

April 30th.—No session the Inglisch guard being in the session hous.

May 1st (Monday).—No lector, the Inglisch horses being in the kirk.

May 7th.—Margaret Innes intimate excommunicate for slaughter on the Sabboth and prostitution of hir daughter.

May 9th.—*Lie his ordinance.*—Alexander Lie for spreading of muk one the Lords day is ordained to the joges.

Mostowie.—The people of Mostowie ar admonisched for byding from the kirk.

May 16th. — *Carters admonisched.* — The carters within the burgh ar admonisched for not keeping of the kirk and going out with their hors to the gras on the Sabboth.

May 21st.—*Pigot his ordinance.*—Alexander Pigot is admonisched for byding out of the kirk and leading young boyes to the Chanrie Kirk to play their in tyme of devyne service.

June 4th.—*Kylers.*—Androw Layng and James Petrie in Innerlochtie for playing at the kyles one the Lords day ar acted to confes their falt publiklie the nixt Saboth in their owne seates.

June 11th.—Androw Leslies wyff hes gotten the north syd of Mr. Murdoes wyffes seat to sit in.

June 25th.—Wm. Crombie, marchand, compeired being com home from ane London voage and for his safe return he gaue fyftie marks Scots to be dealt to the poor.

July 9th (Sunday).—No preaching efternoone, the Inglisch armie being cam in to the toun befor the bell rang and quartering them.

July 10th (Monday).—No lector for the armie.

July 11th (Tuesday).—Mr. Murdo preached.

July 13th (Thursday).—Mr. Thomas lectored.

July 23rd.—This day no sessioun for a fray of Scots troupers.

September 4th.—No lector for the armies marching.

September 5th.—No preaching, Mr. Tho. being over Spey and Mr. Murdo being seik.

September 7th.—Mr. Thomas lectored. No session, the elders being at their harvest.

September 10th.—Mr. Thomas preached first. He lectored tuyse. The Majors chaplaine preached efternoone.

September 12th.—No preaching, Mr. Murdo seik and Mr. Thomas teinding.

September 14th.—No lector, Mr. Murdo seik and Mr. Thomas at the teinding.

September 18th.—No lector, the Inglisch horses being marching.

September 25th (Monday).—No lector, the Inglisch foot armie marching.

September 26th (Tuesday).—No preaching, ane Inglisch partie marching.

October 9th (Monday).—No lector for the Inglisch armie marching.

December 19th.—Effie Crichtoun with sundrie uthers in the Colledge compeired for drinking and scalding and flyting on the Sabboth and confessed their falt. Agnes Brabner is ordained to stand at the pillar

foot with hir plaid about hir. Effie Crichtoun is ordained to confes hir falt publiklie in hir oune seat. The rest were reprehended presentlie befor the session.

[During the year 1654 twenty-seven cases of fornication came before the Session for the first time.]

1655.

February 15th. — *Ordinance of Session.* — The Session ordaines that no taverners nor brousters receive honest mens servandes to drink in their houses efter sax houris at night and especiallie one the Sabboth under the hiest censour.

The Session upon consideratione of heiring and seeing that many bydes from the kirk one the Lordes day enactes and ordaines that all these guiltie of this falt efter this day salbe delyvered over to the hand of the civill magistrat and to be fyned in their meanes according to the Act of Parliament and punisched in their repentance at the will of the Session.

February 25th.—The gentlemen of Pluscarden was admonisched for byding out of the kirk and servands was admonisched not to sit in fordasks and the visitors seats to be keped for themselves.

April 12th (Thursday).—No lectour for the marcat.

June 24th.—It was intimat that maisters, serwands and children keip within doores everie Sabboth efter the sermones, wtherwayes to be censured as prophaners of the Sabboth and the maister also if he mak no delatione is to receive his oun censur.

July 15th. — *Intimationes.* — It was intimat that the maisters and mistresses of everie familie sould com with their children and servands to the examinations, or, if they did not, they sould not be received to the Communion and abyd the hiest censour of the session. The Act against penie brydalls was intimate.

July 31st.—*Break of Sabboth.*—Thomas Watson and Christan Layng his spous caled for puting on ane cauldron to brew on the Saboth at night, the woman is ordained to go to the pillar foot the nixt Sabboth and confess hir falt publiklie, the man payed 20s.

August 2nd.—*Whytchurch fried.*—Mr. Whytchurch, a souldier within the garrison of Elgin, solemnnlie with uplifted hand in the name of God

deponed befor the Session that he did never commit fornicatione with Issobell Reid.

September 9th.—*Gordoun his ordinance.*—James Gordoun, cordinar, for break of Sabboth, and swearing falselie, ordained to stand at the kirk door in the jogs with the sakcloath and the myter on his head frae the 2 bell to the 3 bell and then to the pillar foot.

September 28th.—Jeane Dunbar ordained tua hours to the jogs for cursing of hir nightbours.

October 28th. — John Gordon of Achinalrik is excommunicat for poprie.

It is intimat that these that ar to be contracted lay pands.

[Collections in October.—1st (Monday), 6s. 8d.; 2nd, no preaching; 4th, 10s.; 7th, £4 0s. 8d.; 8th, no lector; 9th, 8s.; 11th, 7s.; 14th, £3 12s.; 15th, 7s. 2d.; 16th, 8s. 4d.; 18th, 7s.; 21st, £3 5s.; 22nd, 6s.; 23rd, 9s.; 25th, 3s. 6d.; 28th, £4 4s. 4d.; 29th, 7s. 10d.; 30th, 18s. 6d.].

1656.

February 26th. — The magistrats ordained the hangman to wheip John Anderson and Agnes Gilanders out of the town and they to be banisched. Wm. Douglas tailor and James Banerman weaver deponed that themselves being in the kirk at night at their prayers that they saw the said John Andersone and the said Agnes Gillanders go up to the steple together and lok the door efter them and the said James Banerman did put in his hand under the door and got a grip of the said Gilanders plaids and did cut of a peice of them whilk he schew the session.

March 11th.—For fyve dailes and a spar to the communion tables £3 12s., also 48s. Sc. to the wrights for making and mending the tables.

April 17th. — The session ordaines that it be intimate that no parents of childreine com to seik baptizme to their childrein except on preaching or lector dayes, according to the Act of the Generall Assemblie long since intimate.

April 29th. — *Andersones ordinance.* — The session ordained Elspet Anderson to be put out of the toun for hir multiplied fornicationes and hir scandalous conversation with the Inglisch.

May 20th. — *Night wakers admonisched.* — Patrik Cuming, John Makaynd, James Mulikin and Alexander Paull compeired for wpsitting in the night and playing at cards. They were admonisched and if they be found doeing the lyk againe their names salbe proclaimed publiklie with the bell and be fyned be the Justice of Peace.

June 15th.—John Innes, physitian, being enquyred if he was father of Janet Andersones child denyed and said he was not able for a woman this sax yeirs bygone. The said Janet affirmed that he was the father of hir chyld. They ar reffered to the presbitrie.

July 6th.—The Justices of Peace Courts within this burgh was intimat to begin and they admonisched to be faithfull in their charge.

July 27th.—John Innes, phisitian, in the midst of the congregatione befor the pulpit deponed that he did never commit adulterie with Janet Andersone.

August 5th.—*The carters ordinance.*—These carters [five in number] delate for byding fra the kirk ar ordained to be admonisched publiklie the nixt Sabboth, and all the carters names ar to be everie Lords day publiklie caled on out of pulpit.

September 9th (Tuesday).—No preaching for the teinding.

September 30th. — *Cobans wyffs seat granted.* — Mr. Wm. Coban petitioned the session for a little seat befor the readers dask befor the pulpit for his wyff to sit in to hear the word, which was granted.

October 2nd (Thursday).—No lectour for the marcat.

October 19th.—Cristane Dauidsone received from the pillar foot, hir fault—byding fra the kirk and being drunk and out of hir masters hous one the Sabboth at night.

October 28th (Tuesday).—No preaching, both the ministers being at Forres at Mr. Joseph Brodies buriall.

December 25th (Thursday). — Mr. Thomas lectored Job 24 cap. Collected 15s.

1657.

January 6th.—The people of Whytwreath [six compear] admonisched for byding fra the kirk.

January 25th. — Elspet Dunbar and Issobell Cook was rebuked publiklie, their falt—byding fra the kirk and drying cloathes on the Sabboth.

January 29th.—James Stronach being desyred and caled compeired for being feared with witches, as was alleadged. He said he saw neither man nor woman bot at the Order Pot there rais a gryt wind and he was once driven bak and it continued till he past the gibbet. He is reffered to the Justice of Peace.

May 24th.—James Young and Marione Layng his wyff and Margrat Grig his servand received, their falt—brewing aquavite on the Lords day.

June 28th. — It was intimate that anie that knawes anything of William Donaldsone for charmeing let them declare it to the ministers or elders.

August 23rd (Sunday).—This day no session, the touneschip waiting on the judges.

September 1st (Tuesday). — No preaching. Mr. Thomas Law departed this lyff.

November 26th.—The Session ordaines that two elders and a wright buy timber to be seats and wreitting tables for the sang or musik scool.

James Warden, belman, is ordained to get 10s. fra the thesaurer whilk he depursed for candle to the Sinod.

1658.

February 14th. — *Intimatione.* — It was intimat that the people of Blakhills sould go to the kirk of Langbryd becaus they ar joyned to that paroch.

March 9th. — Marjorie Man, spous to Thomas Gilmichael, skiner, burges of Elgin, gave in a bill desyreing the stap that goes in to the readers dask to sit in to hear the word becos scho hes ane impediment in her hearing, whilk the Session granted.

April 4th.—The Session grant the merchands to strik out a door at the bak of their loaft where their window is with these thrie conditiones, first, that the vault be not wronged and the light not diminisched and the collectione not hindered.

April 25th.—Penitents received: Christan Air and Agnes Pakman, their falt—brewing aqwavite on the Lords day.

May 28th.—*Meeting to call a minister.*—Conveined the whole elders of the congregation with the Lord Duffes, the Laird of Pettendreich,

Major James Hepburn, John Dunbar off Hilhead, Alexander Dunbar of Dyksyd, heritors within this paroch, for the plantation of other able minister in the vaikand place heir. They ordaine to prosecute the call given Mr. Alexander Car, minister at Grange, and for his gryter encouragement they concluded that there suld be ane manse and gleib provyded.

August 5th.—*Innes admitted clark.*—Thomas Innes was cald in and receiued clark to the session.

August 10th.—Ane not of Sessione and Baptizme books receaved be Mr. Murdo Mackenzie from Wm. Murray:—(1) ane Sessione booke 1584 to 1598, etc.

September 21st.—For the dressing of the naprie 14s. 8d.

1659.

January 4th.—*Clark, Peterkine and Paterson breaking the Lords day.*—Thomas Clark and Nons Patersone and John Piterkine compeired and did confesse that one the Lords day in tyme of divine service they did steall ther maisters guids and ordained the nixt Lords day to stand at the pillar foot in sekcloth and ane paper one their head schoueing they did open ther maisters lokes with wther keyes and did steall out drink and is ordained to confess their falt publicklie.

March 10th.—Margrat Chine ordained for fornicatione to stand half a year at the pillar foot in sackcloth.

April 10th. — Collected for the distressed people of Poland and Bohemia 120 lib.

June 6th. — [The elders and heritors met and unanimously elected Mr. James Chalmer, minister, Cullen. The presbytery of Fordyce refused an act of transplantation.]

June 23rd.—[Mr. James Horn, minister of Bellie, elected minister of Elgin by the elders and heritors.]

August 14th.—The first day of the Communion.

August 20th. — [Mr. John Douglas late Provost received upon his public repentance and his purpose of marriage.]

August 21st.—The second day of the Sacrament.

October 23rd.—Thomas Couban gave in ane bill supplicating the sessione that they vold behelpe him because he was goeing to the coledge. The session considdering for his relations and his ovne guid carraige he is to have for tua years to helpe him at the coledge tuantie punds.

November 20th.—The session elected for the enshueing yeir.

1660.

January 1st.—The visitors being inquired of their diligence delaited Margrat Dine for being in the Chanrie church in tyme of divine service, and also Thomas Clark, James Watsone and Marjorie Geddes for vaiging one the streits.

January 3rd. — Margrat Dine compeired and being gravlie admonisched be the minister confessed hir sine in being in the Chanrie church in tyme of divine service. Shee is ordained to be publicklie rebuked in hir ovne seat. Thomas Clark and Mariorie Geddes scharplie rebuiked.

The deacons gave in ane roll of the poor that is within this broughe that they may have tokens to be knoune to be the poor of the toune.

January 8th.—The ministers did inquire at the elders of the cariage of the people relaiting to the superstitious tymes. They declaired they saw nothing but guid order.

February 21st.—It is ordained be the sessione that there sall goe ane elder to the fisch marcat to vait one ther that ther be no disorder in the marcat, and sicklyk James Wardene is ordained be the sessione to keip the church dores fast from nyn hours in the morning till night that ther be no disorder done in it.

February 28th.—Colonell Rose did send in ane leter to the sessione for his breaking out of vard in tyme of divine service one the Lords day suplicating the sessione to continue him till Whitsonday, which was granted, but the sessione has ordained to cause vreit out to Mr. James Park to chairge in such persones as vas present in that tyme to vit Elizabeth Gordoun, his spouse, and John Rose, Cristane Rose, Janet Rynnes.

March 4th.—*Gordoune and Rose to the presbitrie.*—Elizabeth Gordoun, Colonell Rose spouse, and John Rose hir sone compeired concerning hir

husbands breaking out of the tolbuith in tyme of divine service and being gravlie posed be the minister what she did to the officar she confessed that she did cast hir plead over the officar and did tak him downe to the ground and keiped him to the ground till he escaped. John Rose compeired and confesses that he did put his bak to the door, but he denyes that he did put his hand to George Gray the officar. The session hes reffered thes persons to the presbitrie.

March 11th. — *Ordinance to speak my Lord Murray.* — The sessione hes ordained that Mr. Murdo, Provest George Cuming, Balyie Leslie and Thomas Calder goe speak my Lord Murray concerning the fabrick of the church.

March 18th. — *Elizabeth Gordoune receaved.* — Colonell Rose vyfe receaved in ane seat under the merchant loft for abuising of the oficar.

April 10th.—*My Lord of Murray his ansuer to the Sessione.*—My Lord of Murray is willing concerning of the fabrick of the church.

April 12th.—*Ordinance Patersone and Mathisone.*—Janet Patersone and Agnes Mathisone being charged for strugling the day of their mariage outgoeing the church door compeired. The sessione hes ordained them to be rebuiked in their ovne seats the nixt Lords day.

April 24th. — *Ordinance Russell.* — Isobell Russell for fornicatione with sundrie agravationes is ordained to stand four dayes in sakcloth and one of the four dayes with ane paper one hir head and to be in the jouges ane hour one the marcat day.

April 29th.—James Readhead, Margrat Schipherd and Mariorie Rose rebuiked in their ovne seats for vaiging one the streits one the Lordes day and intimatione maid out of pulpit that gif they be found in the lyk transgressione sould be condinglie censured.

May 20th.—*Ane fast.*—This day was ane fast and ane humiliation before the Sacrament and in respect our king is proclaimed king.

July 8th.—Intimatione mead out of the pulpit that Tuysday being the 10 day salbe ane day of thanksgiving for the restauratione of the kings majestie to his dominions.

August 2nd.—*Ordinance Sangster.*—The session ordain that Agnes Sangster salbe put out of the toun be the hangman.

September 16th. — *Delatione Corser.* — Agnes Corser delaited for bearing ane burden of clothes on the Lordis day to be charged against Sunday nixt.

October 15th. — *Kings declaratione read.* — Ane declaratione read of the kingis concerning remonstrance and protestatione.

1661.

January 1st.—*Ordinance of Sessione.*—The sessione ordaines that it salbe intimat out of pulpit the nixt Lords day that those who doe not convein to burie the dead whoewer salbe found guyltie salbe punished condignly.

January 15th.—James Thome and Andrew Fairer to stand at the pillar foot in sakcloth for beating of other in tyme of diwyne seruice.

January 27th. — Intimatione mead out of pulpit anent vnrewlie mariages and theas that does marie without proclamatione of the churche sall stand sex Lordis dayes in sakclothe and also he that maries them siklyk.

February 10th. — Intimatione maid that the poor sall wear ther tokens that they may be known by uther strangers.

February 19th. — *Papers givine in against Rine and Smith and Murray.*—Papers given in against John Rine and his vyfe, Elspet Smith, and Margrat Murray and fooll Elspet commonlie called. The ministers hes desyred the magistrates to hold hand to tak ane course with them.

[Case of John Rind and his Wife.]

March 5th. — The ministers and the provest and balies and the whole elders conveined in the session house. John Rind in Elgine being inquired giue ewer he charmed man, chyld ore beast denyes simpliciter. Being inquired anent a stone alledged to hawe ane wertew he confesses that his wyfe gatte a whit ston in pledge of a dollor bot she gawe it back againe to the owner and maid no use of it. Elspet Smith his wyffe denyes all except only the recept of the stone in pand of tuo dollors and the mans name from whom she receaved the stone was James Mackfarquhar duelling with Robert Grant in Abernethie and being inquired if she maid use of the stone confesses that ane named Normand Dunbar in Findrasie maid use of it to cure ane ox also to John Andersone in Kentrea to cuir ane cowe and did cuire none herselfe with it bot she told to thoise forsaid

tua persons that the stone haid such ane wertew as the man who gawe it hir told hir. She confessed that the forsaid persons keipt the stone ane weik and that she receavit it back and keipt it a yeir and then delyuered it to the forsaid owner in presence of Alexander Allane in Westfeild, Robert Allane in Newtoune, Thomas Ritchie in Kintrea, etc. March 13th.—Alexander Allane declared that he knew nothing of the giving it back agane but hard that the said John did stand befor the pulpit of Spynie anent the stone. Thomas Ritchie declared he never saw the stone but he hard of uthers that he was ane charmer. Robert Layng deponed that there was ane report that they were charmers. Normand Dunbar deponed that Elspet Smith was sent for and that she took a pynt of whay and did wasch the stone amongst it and took a belt that haid beine about ane dead corps and put it about the ox and did cast the whay upon him and being interrogat what coullor the stone was declared it was readisch colourit and that it was ane insch thick and towards thrie insch long and being posed if he haid it in keeping declared he never haid it in his keiping but the ox recouered therefter.

Delatione George Feldone upone Elspet Smith: Schoueing ther wes a chyld seik in ane house in Elgine and she did come to the house and said that the chyld haid been very long seik. She desyred that they sould goe to ane place and bring with them something and cast it in the chylds face and she promised that the chyld should die or live within ane schort space. Witnes for proweing thereof James Naughtie and his wyfe. James Naughtie deponed she came to his house and desyred him or his wyfe to goe to another lairds land and tak thrie handfulls of the crops of the heather and cast it in the chylds face and they vill ather sie him die or live schortlie. The said James did enquire at her how she did learne that who ansuered to him that she knew that it hes doone guid. March 27th.—Elspet Smith confessed she saw the chyld seik in the pocks and being enquired what she thought of the pock she ansuered that it was a lipper pock and that she gaue ane pickle of wormewood and let it ly besyd the chyld and that she did neither say nothing no more and did afirme under the hazard of her lyfe that she newer did speak of heather to them at that tyme. Being posed upone the stone wherfor it serued she ansuered it serued for mutch guid and not for any harme and being inquired to whom it did guid she ansuered that she gaue it to John Andersone in Kentrey once and that he gave the watter

that the stone was amongst to ane cow of his and that she grew weill of ane desease called the dry darne. Sicklyk James Alchiner, being cottar to the Lord Duffus, cuired an ox with the watter wes amongs. Sicklyk William Eleis in Quarrallwood gave ane drink to his meir and she reweiwed of ane disease called the boats. Sicklyk being enquired anent the culler and quantitie of the stone she ansuered that it ves brounische culler and of the quantitie of ane thumbe of ane man. George Martin deponed that he having refuised to wyne some cloath to her within 48 hours he contractit great seiknes which continewed with him be the space of tuo yeiris and more, the greatest pairt of which time he was bedfast and yet not recovered also affirmed that her husband was ane ordinary charmer, also declared that when he sees the said Elspet she tells him that ther neuer wes that discorded with her that ever sould thryve. George Marteine deponed that John Rind went upon ane Lords day to Coldhome and charmed ane ox belonging to Francis Taylor. March 7th.—George Pattone deponed that John Rind said looking up to the sune in the said George yeard that the said John wes suire that he wold get his heart syth of everie one that wronged him.

Delation given in be Robert Hardie younger against John Rind:—"That wher upone Wendinsday was a fourtnight the said Robert and his wife being at ane visite in Alexander Innes his brother-in-law his house and at his returne he fand the said John Rind in his house who was demanding something of the said Robert which he refuised to give and haveing ane chyld of halfe ane yeir old in perfect health at the said John Rinds coming to the house, howsoone he went to the doore the chyld took great seiknes and did suell and wrought nyne dayes daylie and hourlie lyk to die and the said Robert being in suspitione of the said John went to him and sent for him and housoone he looked one the chyld he therefter within ane schort space came to perfect health. This the said Robert Hardie did assert and declairs be his declairatione in wreit. So subscryvit Robert Hardie." John Rind being posed did confess onlie that he came to the said Roberts house and he saw a chyld lying in the cradle but knew not whether seik or haill and denyed that he ather spack to or handled the chyld. March 7th.—Compeared John Rind. Asked if he was sent for to the child, admitted. Asked what he did to the child, denied any doing or saying to the child but he synned to the mother to come

privatlie to the chamber that he might desyre her to put ane litle butter and black wooll about the chylds midrayes. March 13th.—Robert Hardie passed from any further probatione but suspected the chyld had gottine wrong.

Delation Thomas Gray against John Rind: Wheras the said Thomas sold to the said John Rind ane horse which horse within seivine weikes fell weak and when he and his wyfe mett with the said Thomas they both did most fearfullie curse him and meiting with him in the feilds they told him that he wes ane ill holdine guest in the toune because he spoiled the commontie and the said John Rind replyed againe that he sould mak him repent that and within 24 houres therefter he becume seik and suelled and his horse schortlie therefter suelled and died and his mear fell out in bollis and died. Another horse therefter died and ever since himselfe and faimelie seik and all his means gone. They denied the cursing but Andrew Nicoll witnes proved it.

April 23rd.—Delation givine against Johne Rind be James Hepbrone of Miltoune of Innerlochtie of the speiches quhich he did heare Bessie Alwas speak of him. The said Bessie declaired she wes cuming out of the milne and she met with John Rind who persuadit her to goe back with him againe and efter they haid come away about the Leavrick moise he went in to the wood and cuttit tua wands and desyred the said Bessie to stand ther till he cum back againe. And when he did returne he appeared to her ane thing lyk ane almerie and ane harrow one his head and efterward was in scheap of ane man which man he did speak with. All this tyme she was struckine dumbe and lost her speich till sche haid come most halfe ane myll and efter she came to hir speich she told him she could never goe so far againe with him because he was not luckie and he forbade her to be afraid and she asking him what man was he that he spak with and he desyred hir to goe into ane aill house and give him ane pynt aill and he wold tell her whom it was and she answerit she was not so mutch invailling and he said he wold not tell her then, so she went home and took her bed and lay tuentie dayes bedfast and therefter in the tyme of her seikness he confest it was ane conceiled minister he met with. It was not the first time. Comissione given to Williame Dunbar and Williame Laing to goe to Quarrell Wood to bring the declaration of Janet Sutherland, mother of Bessie Alves. Alsoone as the said Bessie entered within the

doores and saw the licht she fell doune upon her face, so that she haid been dead in presens of the said John putting in the boll malt at the dore and the said Janet did lift the said Bessie and brought her to the fyre and was ane long tyme before the said Bessie got speich and efter the said John cum in to get sume meat for fetching home the malt he did sit doune besyde the fyre and she did give him keall and meall and he eating or suping the samine the said John desyred the said Bessie to eat with him and she ansuerit 'God forgive you that hes given me such a fear that hes put me from meat and drink, for ye are not luckie. I will never goe so far with you againe' and John said 'Ye neided not takine such fear, iff ye had given me ane pynt aill nothing then sould ailled you for ye saw nothing but ane man' and the said Bessie answerit and said 'It was not ane man but ane evill spirit, for ye are not ane guid man yourselfe.' The said John answered her 'Fear not, give ye haid givne me ane pynt of aill nothing haid ailled you' and the said Bessie took her bed for aucht or ten dayes neither did eat or drink and the said Bessie being so lang seik the said Janet went in to the said John Rind and reproved him. He said 'Ye need not be feared for your daughter for she will be weill aneuch. If she haid givine me ane pynt of aill she haid ailled no danger. If she be seik she will be weill againe.' The said Janet said to the said Johne 'I wisch it be so.' 'Goe home, ye need not say no more. I sall warrand hir for she saw nothing with me but ane man cloathed in black cloathis.' Bessie Alwas compeired and being confronted before the said John to give her oath upone the said declaratione the said John wald not admit her because she was both ane houre and ane theife. The said John being poissit confessed that he did meit with ane man and black cloathes, that he came to my owne house to aske the way ane hour and ane halfe before sune set cumming from the hill asking for John Bruices house which I did schow him and that he haid his cloack one the gairds of his sword and efterwards he met that man with the said Bessie cuming from the milne efter sky goeing too with moone light.

April 30th.—Delatione Alexander Mortimer in Hillhead of Birney against John Rind. He did goe into David Melins house and that John Rind was one his knees and he presentlie rose up and he hard him speaking but presentlie he left speach and David Melline was lying seik and that to his certane knowledge he was charman the said David,

all which was done at fyve acloack at night in the efternoone in the moneth of Agust. David Melline declared that John Rind cam to him and did grip his arme and his cuitts and did desyre him when he became weill to tak ane stalk of wormwood and it wold hald him from seiknes. David Mellins wyfe confessit John Rind did tak him be the foot be the lap of the lug and be the cuites. John Rind confessed the above. Andrew Kay schomaker confessed he hard William Donaldsone say that he was charmed be the said John. William Donaldsone confessed that he haid ane sor head with the megrum and that the said John griped his head and spak tuo or thrie words to him but he knew not what they wer. John Rind confessed that he did kast up his ey and said it was bloodrune and he sayes ther ar ane charme for all things except death but denyes that he spak the words.

May 7th.—John Rind and Elspet Smith being referred back from the presbitrie to the sessione they ar ordained to stand ane day in sackcloathe at the pillar in Elgin and ane uther day in Spynie and to be put out of the toune be the magistrats.

May 12th.—John Rind and Elspet Smith his wyfe received at the pillar in sackcloath for ther charming.

[Case of Isobell Cuming.]

March 5th.—Delation be Thomas Watson, butcher, against Isobell Cuming. It is said that she redd ower the new wall upone her owne belt. Alexander Petrie declaired that his wyfe and William Laing and his servant Alexander Rusell did leave the said Issobell Cuming in Elgine when they went to Whitsondayes mercat in Chandrie 1660 and that they mett with the said Issobell before them all in Chandrie and speirit at her how she cam ther so speidilie being so old and weak and she ansuerit that she cam there be boat, also at there home cuming they left her behind them bot they fand hir at Elgine when they came home althoughe they came with diligence. Issobell Cuming declaired that she was at the said marcat and that she stayed ther a moneth efter the marcat which James Grant wold clear. She denyes that anie bodie inquired of her how she came to the marcat so speidilie, notwithstanding wherof she therefter confessed. Thomas Watson declaired that she said when she was charged before the session that she wold give ane pynt of

aill to the man that charged her and that she knew a woman in this toune that when she went from hir husband to her randivoues in the night she leawes a bisome in the bedd in hir place and hings a peice flesh on the back of the door and her husband one a tyme saw the peice flesh and brunt it and it go up to the lumb and that the husband of the said wyffe fand her cuming back with her hair louse about her head and speirit at her give she was at the devils service. The said Thomas inquiring who was the womane she said he wants no mor of the teall but that and that she vald not tell that to the ministers except she vare hardlie put at. Agnas Chrystie was the woman and Lennard Pedder was the husband.

May 9th.—Issobell Cuming referred to the presbitrie.

May 16th.—Issobell Cuming to be put out of the toune and parochen and never to be received in it.

[CASE OF MARGRAT MURRAY.]

March 5th.—Dilation against Margrat Murray be Magdalen Watsone: The deceast Alexander Cuik, husband to the said Magdalen, being drinking in Patrick Chrysties house where the said Margrat Murray cam in with whom the said Alexander fell out in some words and the said Margrat Murray went immediatlie to the said Alexander Cooks house where she mett with the said Magdalen Watsone and told her because of her husbands sayings she should make him repent of his speiches and so it was that within ane houre space he became almost speichles and within tuelfe dayes therefter he died and fyve or sex dayes before his death shoe being brought to him efter shoe haid drunkine with him shoe laughing said he wold be weill aneuch. Margrat Murray denyes that she said she wald make him repent it. She confesses that she came in to him when he was lying seik and drank friendschipe with him and did no more.

Dilatione Walter Chalmer against Margrat Murray: That Margrat Murray, suspect persone of the intollerable sin of witchcraft, cam in to the said Walter his house upon the first Munday of the reath efter Lammes day and did most wickedly curse his wyffe to witt the deceast Bessie Smith and said unto her 'All the ewills that ever ouertook ane womane ouertake the.' And all the reasone wes becaus the said deceast

Bessie took up the tonges and did cast fyre efter hir. So ther within ane werie schort space efter shoe turned ane pitifull spectakill and died with the samine so painfullie so that shoe did ryve in thrie seuerall places of hir bodie efter hir death as honest and famous Christians did wisiblie sie, all which the said Bessie declaired to the said Walter halfe ane houre befor hir death. Margrat Murray being poised denyed all.

Dilatione given in be Archibald Forsyth in Bischopmylne and John Innes his brother-in-law in Elgine against Margaret Murray that in anno 1660 the said Margaret Murray did witch the said Archibald Forsyth his wyfe. She being with chyld continued in great paine till Margrat Murray wes brought to hir and when she wes brought she said in presence of manie honest women that it was catts that wes in hir womb so that she wes newer weill therefter but died in the birth of the chyld as also affirmed that she haid takine away the substance of hir drink a yeir before. Margrat Murray denyed she spak of catts also denyed she tuik away the substance of hir drink.

[CASE OF ELSPET ALLAN.]

March 5th.—Elspet Allan *alias* foole Eppie called, being delaited for goeing dancing one the night one the streits with aledged witches declaired that Patrick Littlejohns daughter took her out of her bed and that Margaret Murray wes ther and ane black doge.

March 13th.—The said day the ministers and elders conveined in sessione and the Blacksmiths gave in ane suplicatione for building ane loft at the end of the merchant loft and joyning to the commone loft which suplicatione being takine to consideratione is unanimouslie grantit to be for ther use and theis belonging to ther ovne craft.

May 26th (Sunday).—Fast before Sacrament.

May 29th.—Collected be James Grant 59s. Mr. James lectured 21 Psalme. Mr. Murdo preached 10 cap. Ecclesia. 17 verse. No session be reason of the solemnitie of the day.

June 2nd.—First day of Sacrament.

June 9th.—Second day of Sacrament. Collected £62 1s.

June 23rd.—David Mealine and his wyfe compeired for not keiping the examine. He is ordeined to be rebuiked in his own seat. The session being informed that many wilfullie absented themselves both

from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper and also from the catechising frequentlie therfor they have ordained all such to be censured be publict rebuik before the congregatione for the first tyme.

June 25th.—Robert Tayliour for hanging yairne on the Sabbath day rebuiked in his ovne seat.

June 27th.—David Petrie to be rebuiked before the congregation for braking of the Sabbath in putting out of cloathes to dry.

August 1st.—Agnes Joas to be rebuiked in her own seat for having ane excommunicate persone at her marriage.

[Average of collections in September:—Sunday, £4 16s. 4d.; Thursday, 4s. 10d.; Tuesday, 7s. 4d.]

December 24th.—The act anent penny brydells to be intimate and they that shall be found having more as six on the syd or any disorder they shall be found guiltie of the Act which is ten marks.

[No service held then in church on 25th December.]

December 31st.—The session grant license to Mr. Thomas Gordoune, doctor of phisik, to build ane loaft above Mr. John Douglas desk on the south syd of the church above the doore that enters into the session house, seing God hes castne his lot be providence to live within this burgh.

1662.

May 29th.—Collected 32s. 8d. Mr. James preached 29 Prov. 2 v.

September 21st.—The Bishop preached 6 Jerem. 16 verse. [First sermon by Mr. Murdoch McKenzie since March 23rd.]

September 23rd.—*Intimatione Sessione.*—Ane intimation read before the sessione in presence of the Bishop, provest, ministers, magistrates and elders of the session that the session should hold for curbing of sine. [Last meeting of session was on February 16th.]

September 28th.—The Bishop preached 1 Ep. Tim. 2 c. 2 v.

[The Bishop preaches almost every Sunday, and is present at almost every meeting of Session.]

1663.

January 13th.—*Glass.*—Compeired John Glass and being inquired if he was married confessed that he wes but could not tell the mans name. Being inquired who wes with him at his marriage, he said none but the mane that married him.

January 20th.—*Ordinance Glass.*—John Glass being inquired be the Bishop if he did go to Mr. Pat. Diergs he confesses he did seek the benefite of marriage but Mr. Pat. denyed the same and his wyfe told him if he would hold a pistoll to him he would marrie him but the said John wold not do it. For church censure the session ordained John Glass for sundrie aggravations to go to ward and stay there 20 dayes and is ordained 48 houres in the stocks also tuo dayes on the stoole and ane day in saccloath at the pillar.

March 22nd.—The sacrament of baptisme is to be administered only upon Sunday and Tysday and not to come to the minister on other day except there be necessitie.

April 19th.—First day of the Sacrament. Alex^r. Innes and Collin Innes attend the taking up of tickets.

April 26th.—Second day of the Sacrament.

[No yearly election of elders now.]

June 21st.—*Seat Cumings ordeinit.*—The session grant to George Cuming provest of Elgin, and his sone, Wm. Cuming ane of the bailyes, the roume tuixt the Counsells seat and the south west porch doore of St. Geilles kirk for erecting a seat.

September 22nd.—*Ordinance Session.*—Mr. William Annand petitions that his grandmother be buried beside her husband. Granted, with this provision that no more graves be made in that quire at any tyme hereafter.

October 13th.—The session grant licence that John Dunbar, bailie, erect ane seat in the roume betuixt James Hepburnes desk and the north church doore for the better hearing of Gods word to him, his wyfe, children and servants.

December 15th.—8 merks given to Agnes McKenzies son to help him to be ane prentice to ane tailyeor.

1664.

January 10th. — Intimation given to the whole congregation of fugitives from church discipline [8 women and 4 men].

January 26th.—Elspet Redhead ordained for calling George Duncan in Pluscarden a theife to stand at the pillar in saccloath.

April 17th.—*Ordinance Tamsone.*—The said day the bischope and minister and elders conveined. Margret Tamsone cited for charming compeired and being gravlie spokine to be the bischope she confessed that she haid charmed sundrie children and men. Therfor the sessione hes ordained hir to stand at the crose with ane paper on hir head on Fryday and to stand in sakcloth the nixt Lords day at the pillar and therefter to be put out of the toune.

May 29th.—Collected £4 18s. The bischope preached 118 Ps. 24 v. Mr. James preached 3 Ps. last v.

June 14th.—*Gedes ordinance for cursing.*—Agnes Geddes for cursing compeired and is ordained to stand ane houre at the Meikle Crose and ane paper one hir head upone Fryday and the nixt Lords day to stand at the pillar in seckcloath.

September 5th. — *Ordinance Davidson and Hosack.* — Cristane Davidsone and Isobell Hosack confessed they were at the Chapell and ar ordained to stand at the pillar the nixt Lords day.

September 7th.—David Seatoune, balyie, gave in to the threasorer for his safe returne from Londoune 5lib. 16s.

October 10th. — *Ordinance Sime and Davidson.* — Beatrix Sime and Isobell Davidson ar ordained to stand the nixt Lords day at the pillar in seckcloth for going to the Chapell.

October 16th.—Jeane Winster cited for goeing to the Chapell wall confessed she was in Vrtoune and but coming by did take ane drink of water. She is rebuiked befor the sessione.

October 30th. — *Andersone deposed of his elderschipe.* — Thomas Andersone confessed that he was at the Chapell and his sone. They ar ordained to stand at the pillar in seckcloth the nixt Lords day and the said Thomas Andersone being ane elder is demitit of his elderschipe befor the sessione.*

1665.

January 17th.—Acts givine in be the bischope concerning church discipline and being read in the audience of the whole members they

* 1664, November 28th. — It is enacted that the whole merchants that sitt in the merchand loft shall weare hatts one the Sabbath daye in tyme coming vnder the pain of tuelue shillings Scotts money *toties quoties* for ilk ane that shall want ane hatt one the Sabbath daye after the first day of Januar 1665 yeirs till which tyme they are licenced to provyde themselves (Guildry Court Book).

have with one consent [agreit] that the said acts be insert in record as folowes:

1. The penalties for ilk fornicatione at leist sall be sex merks for the man and four for the woman *inde* 10 merks and this to be multiplied according to the falls of the parties whither it be relaps, trelaps, quaderlaps and to be mitigat by the discretione of the sessione vpone consideratione of the circumstances.

2. For ilk adulterie at leist sexteine punds and mor according to the abilitie of the transgressors and discretione of the sessione.

3. Suearing, cursing, prophinatione of the Lords day and drunknes to be punisched according to the commone acts made theranent and aflicted according to the discretione and abilitie and ordinar cariage of the transgresors in ther conversatione.

4. For ilk mariage from servants tuentie four schilings at leist from burges and tennents thretie schilings and of persons of an qualitie abowe according to their discretione.

5. For proclamations of bands wher vther of parties ar not pariocheneris heir aughteine schilings at leist

6. For baptisme halfe mark at leist and aught schiling from tennents and burges.

7. For ilk testimoniall directed without the paroch sex schiling and vithin the paroch four schiling except servants whose testimoniall sould be free.

8. For ilk act whither it be inacting of persons to censuir or dewetie or whatever it acts extracted tua schiling at leist.

May 29th. — Collected 30s. The bishope preached, 2 Book of Samuell 22 c. 48 v. No sessione this day.

July 13th.—Day of thanksgiving for the guid sucsese of our neavie.

September 5th (Tuesday).—No preaching be reasone of Sumerives faire the people being all at the marcat.

September 10th. — Intimatione out of pulpit that the nixt Wendinsday be ane fast for plauge which is in Ingland.

September 13th.—Being ane fast collected £3 6s. 8d. The bischope preached Micah 6 c. 9 v. Mr. James preached 1 Kings 8 c. 37 v.

December 25th (Monday).—The bischope preached Gal. 4 c. 4 and 5 verses. [Monday was not a regular lecture or preaching day. This is the first instance for many years of a Christmas service.]

1666.

January 21st.—*Archbald excummunicat.*—Intimatione made out of pulpit that James Archbald is excummunicat for bloodsched.

May 29th. — Collected 37s. No sessione that day. Mr. James preached 126 Psalm 3 v.

July 18th (Fast day).—The bischope preached 33 Ps. 16 v.

[Text by Mr. James Horne on August 6th Job xix. 23, on August 11th verses 24 and 25, and on August 13th and eleven subsequent occasions (up to October 9th) verse 25. From October 16th to November 25th text Job xix. 26 (8 occasions). Then three sermons were given on the 27th verse, and six on the 28th verse.]

September 6th. — Day of thanksgiving for the victorie over the Dutches. The bischop preached.

[The Bishop preaches regularly every Sunday forenoon.]

December 9th. — The visitors being inquired of ther diligence reported guid order : [a similar entry weekly].

December 18th (Tuesday). — No preaching be reason of my Lord Duffus ladies buirall.

December 30th. — Thorontoune [Sir James Strachan, minister of Keith] preached Lam. 3 c. 24 v.

1667.

January 20th. — Ane declaratione read out of pulpit of the insurrectione of the people of the west.

March 31st (Sunday).—Fast before Sacrament. Collected 4 lib. 15s.

April 6th (Saturday).—Preparatione sermone. Collected 38s. 6d.

April 7th (Sunday).—Communion. Collected 32 lib.

April 13th.—Preparatione. Collected 35s.

April 14th (Sunday).—Communion. Collected £36 13s. 4d.

May 7th.—*Seat Stewart.*—David Stewart, commissar, petitions the Session for the emptie place betwixt Coxtones dasck and Linkwoods dascke for ane pew or more for himself and his familie. Granted.

May 19th.—John Ogilvie, maister of the hospitall, has receaved from Walter Hay for his fall in fornicatione ane band for fourscore punds Scots and that for the vse of the hospitall.

May 29th. — Collected 22s. The bischope preached 2 Book of Samuell 22 c. 1 verse. No sessione.

June 12th.—Margaret Ogilvy for hir miscariage done to Mr. Thomas Laws wyffe is ordained to be put in the joges at the litle crose.

October 24th.—The treasurer's accounts for three years from April 3rd 1664 to October 31st 1667 show a charge of £1053 10s. 4d. and a discharge of £1036 12s. 10d. by precepts and pentioners. Of bad money £6 6s. 6d., which is delyvered to James Winster to be sold as broken money to the best avail that can be had for it.

November 10th.—*Intimatione of excummunicatione.*—Intimation maid out of pulpit that Mr. James Gordoune, minister of Glasse, is excummunicate.

December 15th.—Admonition givine out of pulpit to Robert Paplie for his abstenacy in popry.

December 25th.—The bishope preached, 1 Tim. 3 c. 16 v.

1668.

September 20th. — *Ordinance Adam.* — Androw Adame receaved upone the pillar in sakcloath for his unchristiane carraidge towards his man when he was a dieing leting him depart without door at the back of his ovne house. The rest of his nightbors to be rebuiked for not contenancing his buiriall.

October 11th.—*Hosack rebuiked.*—Heline Hosack compeired and being gravlie spokine to for hir scandalous carraige in goeing with ane bairne to the priest to be baptized is rebuiked befor the sessione and hes payed ane dolor to the poore.

December 19th.—*Contract.*—Contracted Andrew Young and Marjorie Findlay. [In this brief form contracts of marriage are hereafter recorded.]

1669.

April 4th.—Collected to the distressed widowes of Brough which ther men wes lost be sea £66 4s. 10d.

May 23rd.—*Papla his 3 prayer.*—Robert Papla his third prayer intimat out of pulpit for his professione to popry.

May 29th.—Collected at the solemnitie 36s. The bischope preached 2 Chron. 23 c., 3 and 13 verses. No sessione.

July 11th.—*Ordinance Rob.*—William Robe for being excessar to ane mans death in drinking brandie compeired, and being spokine to confesses his sine in drunknes. He is ordained to stand at the crose one Fryday nixt betuixt aught and nyne houres and ane peper one his head and stand the nixt Lords day at the pillar foot in sekcloath and ane peper one his head and to be receaved.

October 3rd.—Intimatione maid out of pulpit that the nixt Lords day preaching to be in the new church.

October 10th.—Mr. James Gordoun preached Rom. 12 c. 1 verse. Mr. James in the new church fornoone, and efternoone in the old church, 6 Neamia 16 v.

November 7th.—Mr. James preached 110 Ps. 1 verse in the fornoone. Mr. Thomas Roe preached fornoone in the new church, and efternoone in the old church, Col. 3 c. 4 verse.

November 21st.—Mr. John Leslie preached fornoone in the new church, and efternoone in the old church, James 4 c. 8 verse.

December 26th.—*Seat Mr. James Horne.*—The Session grant to Mr. James Horne the rume nixt to Major Beatman in the queir one the south syd nixt to the pulpit to build ane seat.

The elders got ther chairge to see the Lords day keipt holy: [a similar entry weekly.]

1670.

January 30th.—*Seat Provest Calder.*—Suplication to my Lord Bischope, minister, and elders by Thomas Calder, provest, and his sone, James, desyring ane roome for ane seat for the accomodatione of himself and family. Granted the roome in the new isle under the pend a little and somquhat in the floor of the quire at the wast syde. *Seat Balyie Ogilvie.*—The roome next to Provest Calders given to Balyie John Ogilvie. *Seat Balyie Brodie.*—Roume next to John Ogilvies in the new isle to Balyie David Brodie. *Seat Balyie Rutherford, Chalmer, Donaldsone, Dunbar.*—The roume next to Balyie Brodies to Balyie Robert Rutherford in the new isle, and next to Bailyie Rutherford is

to John Chalmer, clerk, and his son in the new isle, next is to Robert Donaldsone, then John Dunbar, merchant, all on the west side of the isle.

February 8th.—*Seat Torrie.*—John Torrie, wreiter in Elgin, suplicates the Session for an roome to be filled upe be him in that place of the quire where the old staire stood which entred to the read loft in the old church. Granted.

February 15th.—*Seat Coxstoune.*—Granted to Sir Alexander Innes of Coxstoune for ane loft and pewes for him and his tennents from the window at the east the north-east syd of the quire to the pend of the isle at the wast.

February 26th.—*Seat Blakhills.*—Granted to Walter Innes of Blackhills for his family and his tennents the roume from the syde of the great window in the east end of the quire to the next window at the south, both to build pewes under and ane loft above.

March 14th.—*Seat Cromie, Winster, Spense.*—Roume next to John Dunbar is to William Cromie, merchant, next is to James Winster, then to James Spence all in the west side of the isle.

[Several more seats allotted, viz., to Alexr. Russell, merchant, Alexr. Dunbar, bailie, etc.]

April 10th.—*Seat Lord Duffus.*—Seat granted to Lord Duffus in the old church—ane loft above the meikle door to extend from the wast loft to the wast end of the Magistrats seats.

[Some seats granted under the pend of the new isle. Bailie David Stewart, William Tarras, Robert Innes bailie, James Chalmer bailie, Alex. Petrie bailie, Patrick Chalmer merchant, John Man merchant got rooms for seats on the east side of the new isle.]

May 29th.—Collected £4 10s. The bischop preached 1 Kings 5 c. 7 v.

June 5th.—*Seat Shoemakers.*—Loft designed for the Shoemakers from the pend of the new isle at the south and to goe along the peues beneath to the north window syd and ther to have ther passage to go up.

June 12th.—*Seat Taylors.*—Ane suplicatione givine in by the Taylors for ane convenient roume to be filled up by them for the acomodatione of themselffes and ther servants. Granted ane loft from the pend at the south at the wast syd of the new isle to the dore to be build and filled up by them.

June 14th.—*Seat Wyuers.*—Ane suplicatione givine in by the Wyvers desyring ane roume. The Session did name and designe the roume next to the Taylors upon the wast syd of the new isle from the dor which is the entrie to build ane loft and to be filled up by them to the syd of the great window at the north according to the forme and paterene of the rest of the lofts erected or to be erected.

Bishop and Ministers texts not to be inserted hereafter.—The meiting endit with prayers, as also with advertisment that the clerk of the sessione neidit not to fill up the severall texts of Bischope or ministers in respect it fills upe the buik unnessarly.

September 4th.—*Glouers loft.*—Ane suplication givine be the Glovers for ane loft. Granted from the old window on the north syd of the quire which they have maid ane dor of it to be ther entrie to the end of the quire at the wast preserving the south window for giving light to the pewes beneath to be build by them.

December 25th.—The bischop preached Luik 2 c. 17 v. Collected £4 16s.

[No note now of the name of the preacher, or if the service is in the new or the old church.]

1672.

September 29th.—John Innes, Calcots sone, gave in ane bond resting to him be Alex^r. Petrie and his sone of the sume of ane hundreth and fortie merks to James Winster, church treasorer, to be payed be the said Alex^r. and his sone at Mertimes 1672 years for the vse of the poore.

December 29th. — John Glasse and Ann Stewart being chairged pro 30. for turning to poprie and cited, did not compeir, is found obstinat, and referred to the presbetrie.

1673.

January 21st. — *Lambe and Mansone.* — Delait John Lambe and Alexander Mansone for break of Sabath in playing at the kards against the Lords day. They are ordained to come out of their seats befor the congregatione to be absolued.

May 29th.—No sessione. Collected 13s. 4d.

December 21st.—Intimatione out of pulpit that one the 25 day to be preaching.*

1674.

May 10th.—John Glasse and Ann Stewart excumunicat out of pulpit.

July 19th.—Ane proclamatione read concerning Conventicles of the dait the 18th day of June.

December 15th.—John Innes sone to Calcots desyres the money of his mortificatione now banded by Keneth McKenzie, pothicarie in Elgin, sould be distributed to the poors present vse.

1675.

February 14th.—The said day Thomas Ogilvie, merchant, hes givine in ane basone and ane laver for the vse of baptisme and sacrament for the vse of the church.

March 16th.—*Ordinance Troupe.*—The bischope with the session of Elgin judges Cristane Troup worthie of banischment from this corporation for her fornication and adultery and intreats the magistrats of this burghe to interpone their authoritie for her banishment. She is ordained to ward till the magistrats consent to the censure.

[The Bishop preaches frequently. The Communion is held once a year in spring.]

May 9th.—*Ordinance Nivine.*—It is ordained that William Nivine sould have for taking up of the psalme in the new church tuelffe punds Scots to Apryll 1676.

May 29th.—Collected 16s. No sessione.

July 6th.—Janet Cuts and Kathrine Muray ordained to stand at the pillar the nixt Lords day in ther ovne habit for scalding one the Sabath day the tyme of efternoone sermone.

July 13th.—*Visitatione.*—Visitatione of the church. [Last entry in this volume.]

* Payit for candle to the kirk, being tuo at night and one in the morning fra the 15 December 1673 to the first of Februar 1674, 2 lib. 9s. (Town Council Accounts).

"The High Church, dedicated to St. Giles, stood on two rows of massy pillars, and was vaulted and covered with thick and heavy hewed stone instead of slate. On the 22nd of June, being the Sabbath day, *anno* 1679 (the very day on which the Battle of Bothwell Bridge was fought), when the people had returned from worship in the forenoon, the whole fabric fell down, except the four pillars and vault that support the steeple. The rebuilding was finished in 1684 at the expense of the heritors of the parish, merchants and tradesmen of the town, and some private contributors" (Shaw's *History of the Province of Moray*). Shaw also gives a list of the chief subscriptions. Among the Town Council Papers is a large bundle of papers referring to the rebuilding of the church, and consisting of letters, precepts for payment, etc. These papers show that the church was not rebuilt by contract, but that materials and workmanship were paid for separately. Some extracts from these papers follow.

1681, April 24th.—Spent with Lawchlane Grant, the Laird's chamberlain, anent the timber brucht down be him to the Boat of Bridge for the roffe of the church, 36s. July 4th.—Precept: Delyuer to Captaine Adam Sutherland, maister of the sklaitt howche of Force in Caithnes, 36 lib. till compting. October 7th.—Spent with Thomas Alves anent the ordering of ane sone dyall vpon the south gaivell of the old church, 19s. 2d. October 12th.—Precept: Pay 4s. to Donald Clark, hyrer, for the vse of his hors to James Chalmer when he went to Cokston seeking the vse of some horses to help home with the rooff of the kirk fra Boat of Brig.

1682, January 14th.—To John Kemp at the Boat of Bridge for caring for the church timber when it came down Spey £4 4s. 6d., also 40s. that was spent with him when he gott the money. April 12th.—For bringing hom ane stone from Cowsie to be the sone dyell for the church, 41s. 6d. June 22nd.—To James Ogilvie when he went to Pluscarden to cast downe stones for the gaivell of the church 14s.; to James Ogilvie and twa men with him to win stones in Pluscarden 24s.; to Thomas Wood when he was ordered to go thorow the parish to seek hors to carrie stones from Pluscarden to the church 18s. July 24th.—Spent that tym I [Provost George Cuming] went to the Broughsea to receive the 4000 sklaitt that cam from Murkell bay to the vse of the church (myself, my hors and Alexander Parker, officer, being out ane night and twa dayes) £1 16s. 10d.; spent with the mesones when they were desyred be the magistrats to mack up their comptis 6s.; spent with the Bishop in Keneth Mckenzie his hous when they were compting with the messones and injoining them to work 17s. 6d.; to the officers for advertising the peopill to com in with their voluntar contributione 18s.; to Alexander Parker, officer, for seruice done to the church and for going sewerall tymes to the corrie and to the Bruchsea for receiuing of the sklaitts, ane paire of showis, 30s.; to the messones and vrichtes when they put on the kepstone on the wast gaivell of the church 10s. 6d.; to James Ogilvie for going to the corrie one day for wining of stones for lintells to the wast grait window 13s. 4d.; spent with the wrichtes when they haid done with binding of the maine roffe 7s. 6d. and on the said day with the messones 12s. 6d. September 12th.—Precept: Pay 5 lib. 18s. that was spent with the Laird of Grant when he gave ane accompt of the dealls and some trees that he made readie for the church vse. September 15th.—To the hyrers of Oldmills for bringing nine load of stones from Pluscarden to the church 30s. September 20th.

—To the wrichtes to drink, when they wer agried with the toofall roffe, 14s. October 27th.—To the thrie officers for their paines in going thorow the toune calling out for horses to carry downe to the Trinitie kirkyeard the red of St. Jeels kirk and helping to lead the horses 36s.

1683, May 11th.—Precept: Pay 4 lib. 5s. that was spent with William Steiven, ane Innernes man, when the magistrats imployed him to bring skleatts from Skrabstell in Catnes, the uther half of it was given for carieing away part of the church red to the other end of the Lossie Wynd. August 11th.—To the vrichtes for making the church dores 16s. October 13th.—To John Burges for making the thane to the church £6 13s. 4d.

1684, January 15th.—For naills to the pulpit £8 1s. 4d.; for fiue pund of Flanders gleu £3; for transleting of the three hearses £3, for making three crouks 18s. May 1st.—We Alexander Moor and Philip Buchanan carpenders burgesses of Elgin grant us to have receiued from James Wynchester thesaurer the sum of 240 pundis Scottis for our workmanship in building the pulpitt in the old church of Elgin. (The same workmen received 100 merks for erecting the common loft.) May 10th.—Agreement between the magistrates and James Forsyth "for glasseing the haill old church windows" at £400 Scots.

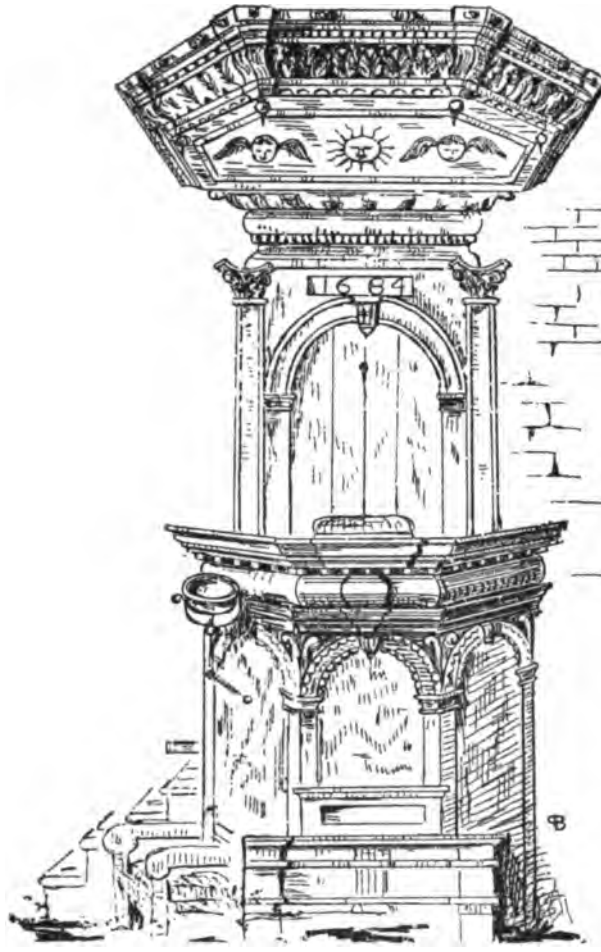
1686.—For 100 dubell plenschen naills for puting up the stool of repentance 12s. For iron for making rakes for the hearses £4 9s. 4d.

1692, February 15th.—Accompt due be the magistrats of Elgin to Alexander Dunbar, baillie:—23 wanscott planks, furnished in *annis* '87 and '88 for bigging the magistrats seat in the church, at 4 lib. per peice 92 lib.; 27 knapwood at 2 lib. per peice to the said vse 54 lib.; 2 Noroway wanscott daills to the said vse at 20s. per peice 2 lib.; item restand for wyne (see vol. i., p. 352).

1682.

[On the flyleaf of this volume, and in the same hand that wrote the notes given on pp. 132, 209, 236 *supra*, is the following note:—"This volum contains the proceedings in session from July 11th. 1682 to October 21st 1712 inclusive under the ministry of Mr. Alex. Tod, transported from Longbryde and admitted at Elgin 11th July 1682; Mr. Robert Langlands, transported from the Baronie Kirk of Glasgow, and Mr. James Thomson, transported from Collingtown, and both admitted at Elgin June 21st 1696; Mr. Alexander King (Mr. Langlands having dyed 12th August 1696) transported from Bonnil and admitted at Elgin April 27th 1701. N.B.—The minuts from 1685 to 1696 are wanting in this volum."]

July 11th.—*Mr. Alexr. Tod his admission.*—The Lo. Bishop of Murray with the brethren of the exercis of Elgin being conveened at St.



ST. GILES CHURCH PULPIT.

Jeals Church efter sermone hade by the Bishop Mr. Alexander Tod late minister at Longbride was admitted to the weighty charge and calling of the ministrie at the said church and to the benefice thereof according to his presentation therto by the Bishop of Murray undoubted pattron thereof as also they gave him possession of the said church by delivering him the key of the church door and of the gleeb and manse as is usewall in such cases and the whole elders compearing gave expres consent to his admission, in witness whereof they received him by the hand.

August 15th.—Contracted James Brodie and Elspet Crestie both in this paroch. [Contracts are now regularly entered.]

September 5th.—No sermone because of Sumereves fair.

[The Bishop is present at all the meetings of session. A common entry now—The visitors reported good order.]

December 25th.—Collected being Christmas Day £1 10s.

1683.

[Average of collections in January:—Sunday £4 14s. 8d.; Tuesday 5s. 8d.]

May 27th.—Intimatione from pulpit of the 29 May being the Kings birthday.

September 2nd.—*Read the Counsells proclamatione for a fast with the Kings declaration.*—Read in the church the Counsells proclamatione indicting a solemne and publict thanksgiving throughout the kingdome to be keept on the 9th September nixt being Sunday. As also the Kings Majesties declaration to all his loyall subjects concerning the treasonable conspiracy against his sacred person his Royall Highness the Duke of York and the established Government.

September 4th (Tuesday).—No sermone because of Sumerevens fair.

[Average of collections in September:—Sunday £4 6s. 7d.; Tuesday 6s. 8d.]

October 14th.—Collected for the harbour of Rosehartie £20.

1684.

May 17th.—Preparatione sermone. Collected £3 9s.

May 18th.—Sacrament. Collected at the church and quire doors £8 5s.

May 19th.—Thanksgiving sermone. Collected £2 3s. 6d.

May 24th.—Preparatione sermone. Collected £2 12s.

May 25th. — Sacrament. Collected at both the churches doors £6 16s. 8d., and at all the tables for both dyets £53 11s. 6d.

May 26th.—Thanksgiving sermone. Collected £2 13s. 4d.

May 29th.—Collected on the solemnity day 36s.

August 31st.—*Moris and others discharged from the church doors.*—Compeared Margaret Moris and denyed the abusing of the colectors, therfor the Session ordained that none of the pensioners nor any other poor should sitt at the doors of the church but at a distance therfra and in ordour.

September 28th.—*Comissars seat appointed.*—David Stewart of Newtoune, comissar of Murray, petitioned the session that the accommodation aloted to him in the new erected church might be designed to him and the place of his designed accommodation being filled up with a large desk sometime belonging to Mr. John Douglas of Morristoun, who is without any representative, the Session ordain that that seat be removed to the south west corner of the church that a part of that room next the pulpit be allotted to the Commissar.

October 5th.—*Frasers sentence.*—Compeared being charged Margaret Frazer and after confession of gathering sticks on the Sabbath was sentenced to stand a day at the publict place of repentance and crave Gods mercy and pardone.

December 25th.—Collected being Christmas day £2 12s.

December 28th.—The session appointed a new election of elders on Tuesday nixt.

December 30th.—The elders who was appointed to be chosen, all of them being conveened and exhorted by the Bishop to their duty in their charge, therafter with lifted up hands gave faith to be honest and faithfull in their places as God should direct them. Elders continued: Collin Inness conveener, James Winchester treasurer, Thomas Wood,

John Inness, John Quy. Elders chosen: James Inness in the Colledge, Arthur Chalmer, Alex^r. Brody, James Milne, James Winchester younger, George Gordoun, James Murray, and John Geddes, glover, voted by consent of all to be treasurer to the penalties.

1685.

January 6th.—Collected at the visitatione 17s.

January 20th.—No sermon till Thursday because of the Justiciary Court was to sitt. No sermon on the Tuesdays during their abode here.

January 22nd.—Collected (being Thursday) at sermon befor the Lords of Justiciary nobells and gentilmen £4 14s. 4d.

January 25th.—Collected at both churches doors the Lords Justiciary being present at sermon £12 17s.

February 28th. — Francis Brody of Miltoun, George Dunbar in Pluscarden, Patrick Grant in Whitetree, James Lie in Mostowie admitted elders.

March 29th.—Collected for the town of Kelso, it being burnt with fire, £40.

May 17th.—*Proclamation.*—Proclamatione read requiring the Freeholders and melitia to be in readiness upon advertisment for his Majesties service.

June 21st.—*Act against children and servants vayging on the Sabath.*—Intimatione against children and servants vageing upon the streets upon the Lords day.

August 9th.—*Proclamatione for the Highlands.*—Read the proclamatione for securing the peace of the Hillands. *Proclamatione for defeat of the Kings enemies.*—Read the proclamatione for a thanksgiving to be on Thursday nixt for the defeat of the Kings enemies.

October 11th.—*Proclamatione for the Kings birthday yearly to be kept.*—Read the proclamatione for an anniversary thanksgiving in commemoration of his Majesties happy birthday to be kept yearly upon the 14 October.

October 14th.—Collected at the solemnity £3.

November 27th.—*Act for building of four Loafts.*—Act for building of four loafts on the north side of the new erected church from the east gavell westward: (1) Alexander, Earl of Murray, ten foots (2) James,

Lord Duffus, ten foots (3) The Laird of Grant, ten foots (4) The Laird of Coxtoun ten foots. These lofts to have only two pews without the pillars and as many behinde the pillars as conveniently they can.

[No minutes till November 11th, 1694. No more contracts of marriage recorded. A fragment of the collector's accounts (among the Town Council Papers) shows that the church collections from January 30th, 1687, to May 10th, 1691, amounted to £1383 6s. 6d. Scots. After August, 1689, there were collections on Sunday only. 1687, March 27th.—Collected at the doors £12 12s., at the tables £67 13s. 8d. 1688, March 25th.—Bishop Hays first sermon, collected £8 6s. 6d. 1688, April 3rd.—Collected at the Synod £3. 1688, April 9th.—Collected for the France Protestants £72, and for our poor £6 8s. 1691, March 8th.—Mr. Burges, minister to Leslys regiment, preached in the quire, collected £2 10s. 2d. 1691, May 10th.—Mr. John Stewarts farewell, collected £4 8s. 4d.]

1694.

November 11th.—*Addition and admission of Elders.*—Mr. James Brodie, John Innes, Wm. Paul, Philip Buchanan, and John Gill in Pedindreich having been nominat to be added to Andrew Ogilvie, William Mitchell, John Phimister, Alex. Moor, Thomas Allan, John Winchester, who were formerly elders, and found qualified for the office of ruling elders, were solemnly set apart for the said office, Mr. William Innes, minister at Carnock in Fyfe, by the united presbytery of Murray their order preaching and admitting them.

November 19th.—The magistrates and heritors are to meet Fryday nixt and they desire the elders to be present for choosing of ministers to the congregation of Elgin, which they agree and consent to.

1695.

February 4th.—*Clerk chosen: Act for keeping sessions more frequently.*—Mr. John Andersone, minister at West Calder, moderator p.t., and Mr. John Brane, minister at Borrowstowness, assistant. John Winchester, one of the elders, chosen clerk. Act for keeping sessions more frequently, they hitherto not having been kept so frequent as need

required, the presbytery to be asked that ministers supplying the vacancie be moderators. The session likewise considering the sad and lamentable profanatione of the Lords day both befor, in time of, and after public ordinances, they therefor judge it expedient that applicatione be made to the magistrats and Councill of the burgh seriously requesting them that they would give their ordinary concurrence which was in use formerly to be given in the place for suppressing the same and ordered their clerk to give in a supplication to the next Councill for that effect.

[No meeting of Session till April 1st.]

April 1st.—*Frequent sessions to be keept: Visiters appointed for the Sabbath day: Disorderly baptisms.*—Mr. William Hamilton, minister of Cramon, moderator p.t. The presbytery has ordered the ministers who supply the vacancie here to keep frequent sessions. The magistrates consent and concur in setting apart a select number to be visiters for suppressing the profanation of the Lords day. It is reported that some of the late Incumbents have baptised disorderly within this parioch. The clerke is appointed to extract the same and their commissioner to the next presbiterie to give in the said extract that the presbitery may be informed thereof.

April 8th.—Mr. Robert Wallace, minister in Baldernock in the presbitery of Dunbarton, moderator.

April 15th.—Mr. John Paisly, minister in Lochwinock, moderator p.t.

May 6th.—Mr. Robert Stark, minister at Stentown in the presbytery of Dunbar, moderator.

May 13th.—*Glass.*—John Glass, butcher, confessed he hade given up Bethia Pantons name to be publickly prayed for without her own knowledge and she being in health and, as he reported, the reason was because he heard her cursing and swearing, and in respect some of the magistrats were offended at the same they caused sett him in prison: he is appointed to appear next Lords day before the pulpit and confess his fault and be rebuked for the same.

May 20th. — Mr. Samuel Charters, minister at Ennerkeithen, moderator p.t.

June 3rd.—Mr. Alexander King, minister in Binoill, presbytery of Dunbarton, moderator.

July 1st.—Mr. Thomas Harvie, minister at Aughterdiron in Fyff, moderator.

July 15th.—Mr. Walter Wilson, minister in the presbytery of St. Andrews, moderator.

July 28th.—Mr. John Buchanan, minister at Cowintown, moderator.

August 19th.—Mr. Andrew Thomson, minister at Orwell, moderator.

September 2nd.—Mr. Hugh Kemp, moderator.

November 12th.—Mr. David Fleckfeild, moderator.

December 2nd.—Mr. Gavin Hamiltone, minister of Robertowne in the presbiterie of Lenrike, moderator.

1696.

January 13th.—Mr. Charles Borlum, moderator.

January 20th.—Mr. David Lindsay, moderator.

March 23rd.—Mr. John Gilchrist, minister at South Leith, moderator.

March 31st.—*Act anent delinquents.*—It was enacted that the delinquents upon the Lords day should enter the public place of repentance immediately after the ringing of the third bell and continue there untill the blesseing be said and the women to have no plaids about them at the time the minister speaks to them and that day which any of them shall contraveen this Act shall not be sustained as one to them.

April 13th.—Mr. George Gordone, minister at Luchars, moderator.

June 21st.—*Mr. Robert Longlands and Mr. James Thomsone called to be ministers of Elgin.*—Mr. Robert Longlands, minister of the gospell at the Barronrie Kirk in Glasgow, and Mr. James Thomsone, minister of the gospell at Collingtown, enter the work of the ministerie at Elgin after ane unanimous call be the heritors, majestrats, councill, session, gildrie, crafts and commons of Elgin and the parochin thereof eagerly followed and regularly prosecute by their Commissioners and after it carried by the Providence of God by most votes in the General Assemblie.

August 18th.—*Mr. Longlands minister of Elgin his death.*—Mr. Robert Longlands and Mr. James Thomsone by unanimous calls from the burgh and pariochin of Elgin did come to the said burgh Thursday the 18 Junij 1696 and entered their worke of the ministerie the next Sabbath thereafter being the 21st day of the said month and it pleased the only wise and Almightie Lord to try the congregation of Elgin with

the sad dismall stroak and dark step of his providence to remove and call the foresaid eminent and worthie preacher Mr. Robert Longlands from time to eternitie upon Wednesday the 12th of August 1696 and was interred Tuesday 18th August, his last sermon being upon the 26th day of July 1696.

August 25th.—Mr. Wm. Cumyng, Master of the Musick Schooll, appointed Session clerke and precentor. The said Mr. William was ordered to fill up the Registers in what was not recorded since the revolution untill this time according to the minuts and informations which are to be given him.

September 8th.—Mr. James Thomsone represented to the magistrats and session that he was necessitat to withdraw from them a while and proposed that they might be diligent in applying to the presbeteries to get the place supplied during his absence also that they would proceed as soon as possible to the calling of another minister. They promised to apply to the presbyteries, but as to their calling another minister they intended not to proceed one step without his own speciall advice and concurrence.

Nota.—From November 3rd until the 30th March there hath been no Session kept the minister being necessarly absent.

1697.

July 11th.—*Act read: Elders appointed Collectors.*—Ane Act of the Privie Councill read from pulpit for a general contribution throughout the Kingdome for building a church to the Scots Protestants in Conenberg in Prussia. The elders are appointed to go through the town upon Friday nixt and collect the freewill offering for that effect according to their severall divisions viz.—John Innes and Andrew Ogilvie for the south east quarter, John Phimister and William Mitchell for the south west quarter, Alexander Moor and Thomas Allan for the north east, Mr. James Brodie and John Winchester for the north west quarter.

July 15th.—*A meeting anent the election of a minister.*—At a meeting of elders, magistrates and heritors Rev. Mr. Curry, minister at Oldhamstocks, chosen.

July 20th.—John Gill, one of the elders, is appointed to go through the west end of the parish to collect the free will offering for the Scots Protestants in Conenberg. [£71 16s. 6d. in all collected.]

September 28th.—*Fishers.*—James Sinclair [and four others] reported to fish with spears upon the Lords day. William Mitchell and John Winchester are appointed to speak with them and if they be found so doing in time coming they will incurre the censure of the Church.

October 17th.—*Act of Councill.*—The Act of Councill read for a public contributione through all parish churches for building a harbour at Eli.

Given for a winding sheet to the deceased William Calder £1 8s. [Coffin not mentioned.]

October 26th.—*Mitchell.*—Janet Mitchell rebuked for her breach of Sabbath in drying pladine upon the Sabbath day.

Chalmer.—James Chalmer delated for ordering his servant to carry water upon the Sabbath day to be cited to the nixt dyet.

November 2nd.—*Chalmer.*—James Chalmer compeared and declared that his servant hade no authoritie from him to take in water. The servant compeired likewise and declaring the water was to drink, and promising not to do so again, was dismissed.

1698.

January 25th. — *Bannerman confesseth the selling his wife.* — William Bannerman compeired and judicially confessed the selling of his wife to Peter Morison but that it was only in droll and acknowledged likewise that the said Peter offered earnest and laid it down upon the table but he received non of it and that same night after eight a clock the said Peter came to him when in bed and took instruments in the hands of George Sutherland, notary public. Peter Morison confessed his buying the said William his wife and that he was put to it be the companie because he was so forward in offering to sell her. The Session finding this a case extraordinarie do think fitt to take the presbiteries advice.

Sinclair. — Jean Sinclair committed to prison untill she should find suretie to satisfie the disciplin of the church.

February 22nd.—*Bannerman and Morisone.*—The minister reported that it was the presbiteries advice that William Bannerman for selling his wife and Peter Morisone for buying her both should be called before the Session and enjoined to appear before the congregation and be rebuked and thereafter to be referred to the magistrats for what punishment they should think fitt to inflict.

March 1st.—*Innes.*—The visitors report that they saw Jean Innes, spous to George Sutherland, and some souldiers wives vageing in time of sermon towards the Chanrie kirk and when they were challenged they reported they were going to the church as well as they. John Phimister is appointed to speak to Jean Innes thereanent and admonish her and make report nixt session.

Bannerman.—William Bannerman appeared last Sabbath and was rebuked before the congregation for selling his wife. Peter Morrison appeared not. They are both referred to the magistrats for further punishment.

March 15th.—*Innes.*—John Phimester reported that Jean Innes was going to the Chanrie kirk, Sabbath, 27th February, to see the grave of her late deceased husband and promised not to be seen in time of sermon that way again.

Morisone rebuked.—Peter Morisone appeared Sunday, 6th March, and was rebuked before the congregation for his unchristian bargaining in buying his neighbours wife and referred to the magistrats for further punishment.

March 22nd.—*Magistrats to meet in Session.*—It is thought fitt that the minister go to the Town Councill the nixt time they shall sit after this and require some of the Magistrats to sit in session always with us.

[Colonel Rew's regiment is now in Elgin.]

April 19th.—*Act of Councill read.*—A collection to be upon Sunday next for building a bridge upon the river Cart. [£15 Sc. collected.]

Magistrat in Session.—The magistrats appointed that one of their number should sitt in session monthly and Robert Innes one of the baillies did enter for the first month.

Isobell Smith, adulteress with a souldier in Collonell Rew's regiment, by order of the magistrates set upon the cockstooll for the space of ane hour and banish'd the town by tuck of drum.

May 3rd.—*Donaldson against Watson.*—Bailie Donaldson petitions the session against Gavin Watson, late Convener, for defaming him. The Session finding that the Commissar had pronounced sentence that the said Gavin should appear before the congregation upon a Sabbath day after forenoons sermon and make publick confession of his fault and beg God and the partie offended pardon do think fitt to referr to the presbyterie for advice whether it be proper for them to execute a sentence pronounced be the Commissarie.

June 7th.—*Presbiteries advice.*—The presbiterie advise that the session concerne not themselves with what sentance the commissarie hath decreed but that they proceed *de novo.*

July 20th.—The United Presbiteries in the Province of Murray and Forres appoint that Lilias Brodie be publikly rebuked befor the congregatione of Elgin as ane evidently scandalous persone and in regard of her obstinacie with the advice of the Reverend Committie sent north appoint the sentence of the lesser Excommunicatione to be pronounced against her. She persisted some years ago that her husband who died thirteen months before the birth of her child was father thereof. She confesses another fall in fornication with James Williamsone. [August 23rd.—She has fled.]

August 2nd.—*Gardners.*—Reported that the gardners in town use frequently to vend and sell kale, fruits and roots upon the Sabbath day. The officer is appointed to cite them to the next dyet.

September 11th.—National fast and humiliation.

October 25th.—*Taylors loft.*—The Taylors and Weavers in Elgin did supplicat the session for a convenient seat or loft to them in the High Church there. The Session condescended to allow them a loft above or behind the Merchants, but referred the full determination thereof to a generall meeting of all concerned.

[Collected at the church doors for the poor, September 27th, 1691, to January 16th, 1698, £1719 17s. 4d. Sc.]

November 14th.—*Act for building a seat in the church to Wm. King provost. Act for building six pewes in the bodie of the church.*—Meeting of the Magistrats, Town Councill, heritors and members of the Kirk Session for regulating and ordering the desks and seats of the said burgh. An additional seat granted to William King of New Mill, provost of the burgh. Act for building six pews in the bodie of the

church beginning from the west side of the latron and proceeding westward graduallie to James Young, glover, Wm. Douglas late dean of Gild, William Ross, merchant, James Young, skipper, Arthur Chalmer litster and John Innes, merchant. These six pews to be removed at the time of the administration of the Sacrament of the Lords Supper and not to be fixed again until the action be fully over. The seat is granted to Walter Innes of Blackhills that belonged to Douglas of Spynie. Seats granted to Jonathan Forbes, M.D., etc. The session enact that all who get seats from the session pay and satisfie such as have any just title or right to the said seats for the timber and building of the samen.

November 21st.—*Act for a loft to the Taylors and Weavers.*—Robert Blenshill, deacon of the Taylors, and John Purse, for the Weavers, presented a petition jointly in name of their severall crafts showing that they were considerable incorporations in the town and hade no settled accommodation in the said church and humbly desired the meeting would be pleased to allow them some room in the church as they should think most convenient to build a seat or loft for their better accommodation in attending the ordinances. The meeting considering that there was a vacant room at the back of the Merchants loft where they might commodiously build a loft under the steeple did unanimously consent to grant libertie and hereby allows the said two crafts to build a loft there which they are to divide betwixt them as they shall agree among themselves and moreover they are allowed to make use of the timber of the old red loft to help to build theirs providing they build upon their own expense a convenient stair to go up to the steeple.

Act for Provost Cummyngs Seat.—The meeting taking to their consideration the gratitude and good services done to this incorporation be the deceased Provost Cummyng and William Cummyng of Achry his sone and particularly the mortification made be the said William Cummyng to the said burgh and communion cups given be him to the said burgh therefore the meeting *unâ voce* do ratifie their right to the seat and desks in the south side of the church pertaining to the said Provost Cummyng and gives and confirmes the samen to the said William Cummyng of Achry.

Act for the Shoemakers loft.—There was a petition given in be the Shoemakers of the said burgh shewing that their loft in the said church was so eclipsed since it was built that they could neither hear nor see

the minister and humbly craved that they might have libertie to advance their loft so far as they might hear and see him who preached. Granted.

Fasken petitioning for a seat.—A room in the body of the church to be granted to William Gordon of Fasken, merchant in Elgin.

Enacted that such as have got seats and not contributed to the rebuilding of the church now pay in their contributions towards the repairing of the windows and to-falls.

November 22nd.—The treasurer has £11 4s. 6d. Sc. of dytes and Irish half pennies.

Paid to James Forsyth, glasier, £40 Sc. in part of payment untill the penalties come in.

1699.

March 28th.—*Act for a seat to Th. Brodie of Pitgevenie.*—Act for a seat to be built by Thomas Brodie of Pitgevnie in the bodie of the church.

April 18th.—*Guydett's charitie.*—The Much Honoured Major Bethasar Guydett has left two duketdowns [? ducatoons] upon his going south to be distribute to the poor.

April 25th.—*Wrights petitioning.*—John Souter, deacon of the Wrights in Elgin, presented a petition in name of the said craft desireing libertie to build a loft in the High Church above the Glovers loft. The Session thought fitt to delay it in regard the Glovers pretended it would be prejudiciall to them as to their sight and hearing.

May 30th.—John Hay, weaver, his wife delated for carrying water upon the Sabbath day. To be cited to the next Session.

June 13th.—John Hay's wife being called the said John compeired and intreated his wife might be excused because she was waiting upon her sister who was lying sick at the time and told that the water which she was carrying upon the Sabbath day was for her sister to drink whereupon she was excused and no further to be troubled upon this account.

September 26th.—*Roy.*—James Roy, wright, to get 12s. Sc. for making two leafs for the bason stools.

October.—David Stewart of Newtown, Comissary of Murray, gives his solemn oath that he is not the father of Agnes Douglas' child.

1701.

April 29th. — *Mr. Alexr. King, minister of Elgin.* — Mr. Alexander King, minister at Bonnill, presbytery of Dumbarton, called to be minister of Elgin. An Act of transportation passed by the General Assembly for this. He came to Elgin on 24th April 1701 and entered his work of the ministrie on 27th April.

May 13th. — *Ramsay.* — William Ramsey, perug-maker rebuked for drinking and cursing.

August 5th. — *Strangers women to be expelled.* — Recommended to John Winchester and Thomas Allan, elders, to go down to the Lady Pluscardens house and require testifications from some strangers there residing or desire them to remove from this place.

August 19th.—The elders report that the strangers are now removed.

1702.

February 3rd. — *Act for James Forsyth, glasier.* — James Forsyth, glasier, agrees to uphold the glass windows of both churches for £20 Sc. per annum and there shall not remain any breach in them eight dayes time, the lime and glass bands being furnished by the session.

March 10th.—£48 given to the glasier.

March 30th.—The Lady Linkwood imprisoned by the magistrats order until she make a full confession to the session. She was brought from her own house by Alexr. Dunbar of Bishopmill to Bailie Robert Andersons house. She acknowledged she brought forth a woman child at Daniel Sharps house at the east ferrie of Dundie, the child still alive, she left it at Couper in Angus in one Alexr. McIntoshe's. She refused to name the father. She escapes out of prison. The case referred to the presbytery for advice.

April 28th.—Ludovick Gordon and Lady Linkwood (Anna Anderson) are reported as going through the country together.

June 30th. — The session think fit that application be made to the magistrates for corporal punishment to Agnes Douglass for being frequently drunk in regard they think her not fitt to appear befor the congregation.

August 11th.—Application to be made to the civil magistrate to remove six women from this town and paroch.

August 25th.—*Rind.*—Janet Rind put out of the toun by order of the magistrates.

Intimation.—Intimation to be made from pulpit that servants be restrained from vageing upon the street and in the feilds and children from playing upon the Sabbath days.

September 29th.—*Gray and Anderson supplicants.*—Collection next Lords day for William Gray, taylor in Colledge, and Margaret Anderson, their houses being lately brunt. [£11 4s. 4d. collected.]

July 20th.—*Wilsone.*—Grisel Wilsone appointed to appear before the congregation and be rebuked for calling her honest neighbour Isobel Cock a witch.

October 12th.—*Pensioners Abridged of their Pensions.*—The Session considering that in regard the congregation is of late divided by reasone of ane Episcopall minister his intrusione into one of the churches so that our weekly collections are not so much as formerly therefor we are obleidged to abridge the pensioners of their former pensions and whereas there are 19 pensioners, each of them formerly haveing ten s. Sc. per month there are now six of them who are to receive only 6s. Sc. and the rest 10s. Sc. as before and all of them to receive their payment but once in six weeks.

November 9th.—Paid to James Russell and James Watsone £6 Sc. for going through the paroch lifting the peoples names and calling them in to the examination.

[During the year 1703 twenty-five cases of fornication came before the session.]

1704.

July 30th.—*Intimation of a day of Humiliation and Preparation.*—Intimation that Thursday next should be observed as a day of humiliation and fasting by all such in the town and parioch of Elgin as intended to communicate and that there should be sermon both before and afternoon and likewise preparation sermon on Saturday next at twelve at noon. Monday a day of thanksgiving.

1706.

February 19th. — *Act for reading in the church.* — The Session considering the great loss the commons people were at for want of the publick reading in the church doe appoint their clerk to begin next Sabbath day to read before sermon betwixt the second and third bell both before and afternoon and so to continue each Sabbath thereafter for which he was to have what sallarie or casualties any of his predecessors hade befor.

Preist.—Isabella Preist, spous to Robert White, accused of calling Agnes Falconer, spous to John Bell, merchant, a witch and that through her witchcraft she should occasion the death of John Smith, merchant, and of his cow. She is ordered to beg God pardon and to beg pardon of Agnes Falconer.

July 16th.—*Baxter.*—Marjorie Baxter, spous to John Davidson, to appear before the congregation and be rebuked for calling Isobel Thomsone a witch.

Taylor.—The Session apply to the magistrates to set Isobel Taylor upon the cockstool and banish her from the town for scandalous behaviour with John Donaldsone, late bailie.

1707.

December 23rd.—The magistrats have banished Agnes McIntosh for fornication with David Fairer, chapman.

1708.

June 8th.—*Parish banished.*—Jean Parish being recommended to the Magistrates and Justices of Peace to be banished as a most disingenious and notoriously scandalous persone she was upon the 21st day of May last set upon the cockstool betwixt the hours of eleven and twelve in the forenoon as a publick spectacle, and bannished the town by tuck of drum.

1709.

April 6th.—*Contribution to those who suffered fire at Edinr.*—Letters patent from the Queen for a voluntary contribution throughout Scotland for some people in the Cannongate of Edinburgh who had sustained great loss by fire. The elders to collect from door to door. [£39 9s. 8d. Sc. collected.]

June 9th.—The Session appoints for the Communion, at the doors: John Winchester and James Alves at the west gavil door, James Cramond and Alexander Dick at the big north door, Robert Tarras and Alexander Forbes at the isle door, Thomas Allan at the litle door where the ministers enter. The other elders to receive the tokens, etc. The number of Tables, four. The Session choose James Cramond for their clerk.

1710.

April 25th.—The elders are appointed to go through the several quarters of the town and take up the names of all scandalous persons and such as want Testimonials.

June 13th.—*Intimation concerning the Servants Testificats.*—Intimation to be made from the pulpit to cause masters of families see their servants have testificats and to charge such as hath none to the next Session.

August 15th.—Servants who produced no testimonial nor appeared are to have their fees arrested at the Bailies' orders by a town and kirk officer and to be summoned to the next session.

The Session appoints James Alves and John Sutor to go through the town next Sabbath with James Tayliour, officer, to take notice of these that break the Sabbath either by drinking in change houses or walking idly in the fields or streets. Two elders with the officer appointed for the following Sabbaths.

October 24th.—*A child found.*—20s. sterling offered to any person that would find out the mother of the child laid down at the Lady Pluscardens gate.

1711.

March 20th.—Convened Mr. Alexander King and Mr. James Thomson, ministers of Elgin, and the Bailies of Elgin as patrons of John Innes of Darklin his mortification of Shutting Ackers in as far as concerns the parish of Elgin. The rent of the said mortified lands possest be James Geddes, crop 1709, was £46 17s. 6d. Sc. and 9 b. 1 fir. 2 pks. victual, which sold at £5 per boll so that the said years rent extends to £93 15s. Sc. 39 poor receive from 8s. to £3 Sc. each.

[226 Session meetings held from 11th Nov., 1694, to 21st Oct., 1712.]

1713.

Communion collections: June 11th, £12 4s.; 13th, £9; 14th (Sunday), £71; 15th, £9. Collections in September: 6th, £7 10s.; 13th, £5 14s.; 20th, £3 12s.; 27th, £3 16s. The Tuesday's collections in September averaged 15s. 3d.

1714.

Blank from August 1st, 1714, to March 8th, 1715.

1716.

No Session between January 24th and March 13th because of the confusion of the tymes the Session could not meet sooner.

1717.

May 20th.—The Session stent the heritors and others for repair of the north and south too-falls of St. Giles' Church: wright, £118, slater, £16; total £223.

August 6th.—The Session assign the seat to James Cramond, town and church treasurer, that belonged to the deceased John Winchester, merchant.

December 22nd.—£52 5s. 4d. Sc. distribute to the poor from Darklen's mortification. 83 persons receive from 4s. to £2 Sc. each.

1718.

November 11th.—*Robertson.*—Compeared Christian Robertson who being convict of gathering of lint on the Lords day in the morning the Session appoints her to appear in the entry from the west door next Sabbath to be publickly rebuked for the said scandal.

November 23rd.—*Protestants of Lithuania.*—Collected for the distressed Protestants of Lithuania £9 7s. 6d. sterling.

1719.

[The Communion is held once a year, namely, in July.]

June 23rd.—*Intimation to Communicants.*—Such as designe to communicate on the north side of the town to come and speak to Mr. Primrose and those on the south side to Mr. Thomson and those in the country to come to either of them.

December 23rd.—*Darklen's Mortification.*—The rent of the Shutting Acres, crop 1718, deducting cess, etc., is £58 10s. Sc., the half of which belongs to the poor of the town and parish of Elgin. The annual rent of 700 merks mortified by Darklen to the poor of the town and parish for the year extends to £23 6s. 8d. Sc., total £52 11s. 8d. Sc. Eighty-one persons receive from 4s. to 12s. each.

1720.

February 28th.—Collected for the bridge of Nairn £8.

1721.

May 11th.—The Session appoints that one of the elders with those that stand at the basons goe through the town every Sabbath after sermon to see that there be no abuses.

August 1st.—Bailie Cramond to agree with William Forsyth to help the windows of the litle kirk.

1722.

December 20th.—*Alexr. Dicks mortification.*—Fifty merks to be distribute among the poor and indigent within the town of Elgin, being the annual rent of 1000 merks Sc. mortified by the deceased Alexander Dick, glover in Elgin.

1723.

April 28th.—Collected for the erection of kirks in Durness £27 15s. 8d.

1724.

December 7th.—William Duff of Braco did leave to the poor within the barony and lands of Pluscarden and the lands of Quarrywood and Dykeside £1000 Sc. The interest only to be distributed.

1725.

February 7th.—Collected for the Protestants in New York £35.

April 6th.—*Act the Church officers to put all Delinquents in the joggs.*—The Session being told that their officers did refuse to put Isoble Russel in the joggs for her scandalous carriage appoints them in all time comeing to put any in the joggs the session or baillie desire under penaltie of being discharged from their office.

1727.

March 14th.—*Act to prosecute Mr. Sandersons call.*—The Session have subscribed a call to the Rev. Mr. Joseph Sanderson, minister of the gospel at Alves, to be one of their ministers. He is admitted 2nd May by the unanimous consent of the whole congregation.

August 8th.—The Session recommends it to the members of their number who are of the Council to represent to the Council the case of the litle kirk that it might be helped as to the roof and glassing.

1728.

January 9th.—Materials are being provided for repairing the litle kirk in spring.

June 11th.—*Mr. Thomson's Mortification.*—Dr. Thomson's father, minister of Elgin, bequeathed 600 merks Sc. the interest to buy bibles to such children as could read and their parents not able to buy for them.

October 4th.—The Session appoints two flaggons to be bought for the communion a bigg and a litle one, also the hearses to be mended and scoured and the kirk treasurer to prepare candles for the hearses, pulpit and letron.

December 17th.—*Robert Gordon's Mortification.*—Robert Gordon has mortified 100 merks Sc. to be lent out for the use of the poor aged over 70 and the interest paid to such poor.

1729.

February 13th.—£5 5s. given by the Duke of Gordon's factor to be distribute among the poor.

July 31st.—Vacancy by the transportation of the Rev. Mr. Primrose.

August 3rd.—Collected for the harbour of St. Andrews £15 14s. 2d.

September 29th.—*Anent Mr. Winchester's transportation.*—The Session prosecute the transportation of Rev. Mr. Winchester, minister of Auldern, to be one of the ministers of Elgin.

1730.

March 31st.—Given to James Gow, schoolmaster at Inverlochtie, as his salary for the year £3 Sc.

May 5th.—Rev. Mr. James Winchester admitted.

August 11th.—It was represented that the Lords day was greatly profained by people their gathering together and making a noise under forstairs. Means for putting a stop to such abuses are to be thought upon. Meantime it is appointed that those that attend the basons do take a turn through the town and report such as they find guilty this way.

December 29th.—The Session considering the great loss the poor sustains by the currency of bad money and that there is a great quantity of such coin thrown into the bassons upon Sabbath and week days appoint intimation to be made next Lords day from the pulpit that the people may put in such money as can be of use to the poor and in the meantime appoint such of the elders as are members of the Town Council to apply to the Council to put a stop to the currency of bad coin.

1731.

July 13th.—The Session finding that the roof and floor of the big church needs reparation they appoint this affair to be laid before the Town Council at their first meeting by Thomas Purse elder, that they may see to the reparation in due time nor can there be any inconvenience to the congregation in carrying on the work since the little church being now repaired they can now be accommodate there on the week days.

August 24th.—The treasurer was appointed to cause make 200 Communion tokens.

Collections in September from £4 8s. to £5 4s. 6d. each Sunday of which bad coin varied from 3s. to 6s. Collected on Communion Sunday in October £48 3s. of which 19s. is bad coin. The sacrament now held twice a year.

1732.

May 22nd.—Paid to David Falconer for tokens £11.

October 3rd.—*Candles for the church and locks to be sought from the Magistrates.*—It is recommended to such of the elders as are upon the Council to apply to the Magistrates for so many candle as will be necessary for giving light in the church in the evening of the Sacrament day and to crave that hanging locks and barrs may be put upon the two bigg doors of the church.

December 26th.—*Anent penny weddings and breach of Sabbath.*—The two ministers with Bailie George Wilson and James Garden appointed to wait of the magistrates and concert with them anent an expedient for preventing the profanation of the Sabbath by drawing of water etc. and for putting a stop to penny weddings.

1733.

January 19th.—*Anent suppressing penny weddings and for profanation of the L. day.*—The Honourable Magistrates assure the Session of their assistance for punishing the profainers of the Lords day by drawing water, buying herbs, winnowing of knocked barly, wandering through the streets and fields and idling under forestairs before, in time of, or after public worship and for that end proposed that when they are found guilty they be pursued before the toun Court. They declare their readiness to concurr with the Session in suppressing penny weddings.

Alexr. Lobban.—Alexander Lobban confessed he baptized his child but not the right way because he did it himself on the side of the hill called Benegn through ignorance, the mother of the child and Ann Hay in Whitewrea being present, and the reason why he went not to a minister with the child to be baptized was that he thought none would do it because Isobel Gordon the mother of the child alleadged that they went to Broomhall to be married. They were married by Mr. Youngson in Glenmarkie, Mortlach, on 8th June, 1729.

March 1st.—*Methods concerted for religious observation of the Sabbath day, etc.*—Visitors appointed to inform the Session of such as upon the Lords day are found idle upon the streets or fields, frequenting ale houses and gardens, about winnowing of knocked barley, drawing of water and such like wordly and sinfull employments inconsistent with the duty of the Sabbath. The town to be divided into three parts each of which is committed to the oversight of two at a time and they to be relieved by other two in some more than an hour.

March 13th. — The visitors of the town Sabbath last gave in the following report:—(1) Bailie Wilson and Robert Walker reported that in their quarter they found George Buie's wife drawing water and William Barrie winnowing knocked barly; (2) James Milne reports that in time of publick worship he found a servant of Robert Gordon, hyrer, sifting chaff; (3) William Mitchell reports he found a servant of James Leslie's winnowing knocked barly; (4) Thomas Purse and John Chisholme report that they found Thomas Simson's lass winnowing barly; (5) John Shaw reports he found Margaret Nicol winnowing barly.

Sabbath breakers to be prosecute before the town Court. — The Session appointed their Clerk to give an extract of the above reports to

James Young, town fiscal, that they may be conveened before the Town's Court to-morrow.

[The volume of Session minutes from May 8th, 1733, to March 22nd, 1770, contains about 664 pp.]

June 26th.—£19 1s. Sc. of bad coin rouped for 6s. Sc. per lb. weight.

July 19th.—[A witness deponed he met a person "near the Ordor Pot a little eastward of the East Port."]

The Session agree that Alexander Allan, who keeps the school at Pluscarden, get his sallary £4, James Gow, schoolmaster at Inverloughtie, £3.

1734.

March 19th.—*Duncan Griggor referred to the presbytery for being a charmer at least repute so.*—The Moderator represented that Duncan Greggor in Muirtown having applied to him for baptism to his child he delayed it and appointed him to be summoned to this dyet being habite and repute a charmer. Compeared Duncan Gregor who acknowledged that he cured the feavers in the following manner viz that he run some lead over the head of the distressed person poured it into cold water saying 'Rise up, heart, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost,' and that if the feavers lay not about the heart the lead rose up in the water in the form of the heart of a fowl and so the person was cured, but if the feavers lay about the heart the lead appeared in another shape and to carry off the disease he did cast it in again and by degrees the trouble wore off. He refused his curing of any other diseases but by the use of herbs either taken inwardly or applyed outwardly. The Session referred him to the next meeting of presbytery at Longbride.

May 9th.—Rev. Mr. Lachlan Shaw admitted to the pastoral charge of the town and parish of Elgin.

November 12th.—For helping of the sand glass 12s.

1735.

January 7th.—*Duncan Griggar.*—The moderator reported that Duncan Greggar attended the last meeting of the Presbytery and confessed he was wont to use charms for curing of hectick feavers and

that he engaged before the presbytery no longer to use these incantations, whereupon he was rebuked and dismissed.

August 12th.—*Mr. Irvin's admission.*—Rev. Mr. Alexander Irvine transported by the sentence of the General Assembly from Auldern to be one of the ministers of Elgin admitted this day.

September 30th.—To the support of a minister to a Protestant congregation in Virginia £3.

1736.

February 24th.—To a folio paper book bound in leather for Session register of 8 quires 8ds. paper £5.

March 23rd.—Isobell Kelly servitrix to Alexr. Kinnaird rebuked before the session for winnowing barly bear on Sabbath.

April 27th. — *Pluskarden collections to be distribute.* — The two ministers were appointed to meet with Mr. Tuach, preacher of the Gospel at Pluskarden, and to distribute among the poor in that corner of the parish the Dominical collections at Netherbyre since Mr. Tuach's entrie. [£17 15s. 10d. collected.]

July 2nd.—Intimation to be made from the pulpit Sabbath next that none either buy or sell anything in gardens on the Lord's day.

Yearly payment to the beddals for shoes £4.

1737.

March 29th.—*Phimister, Young etc. rebuked.*—Mr. Shaw reported he had preached at Pluskarden and had publickly rebuked Oliver Young and Robert Phimister in Netherbyres for fidling and dancing at Alexander Buie's lykewake. The others present were rebuked sessionally.

April 5th.—*Session clerk chosen.*—James Garden chosen session clerk in room of Alexander Roust deceased. The minutes of session for eight years backward have not been filled up in the Register.

Paid for coffin to James Cumming's wife £2 Sc.

Acts anent burying the dead and strangers. — The Session resolve not to bestow more than half a crown towards the burying of any of the

poor dying in town or country. The poor that have not resided four years in the town or parish to he placed in a separate roll.

July 19th.—*Alexr. Nicol.*—Alexander Nicol was under indenture to go to Georgia but having revolted was now absconding.

August 16th.—*A process anent the Session registers.*—The Session commence a process before the Commissary to compel Alexander Roust to deliver up the registers of baptisms and marriages to the session.

August 23rd.—*James McKean's mortification.*—James McKean, late merchant in Elgin, has mortified 500 merks Sc. to the Session of Elgin for the poor. [Extract of deed of mortification here recorded.]

Bad coin from July 9th, 1734, to October 11th, 1737, £22 11s. 6d.

September 13th.—Paid for two sackcloaths £3 8s.

November 8th.—Bailie Wilson, late treasurer, gave in the £4 Sc. of balance in his hands which being all in Doyts to the passing of which there is lately a stop put by the magistrates in this place except by counting two for one of current coin, the samen delivered to Robert Allan, new treasurer, at the value of £2 and the Session appoint the doyts given in among the after collections to be so counted. Also he gave in £20 15s. Sc. of bad copper weighing 12 pound old weight which being rouped *instanter* they were carryed by Bailie Wilson at 6s. Sc. per pound weight amounting to the sum of 6s. Stg. Also delivered up to him a box with two Communion cups marked anno 1711, item a large strouped pewter flagon, item a box with Communion tokens with an iron for stamping them, item a box with one Communion table cloath and eight napkins.

1738.

January 31st.—Fourteen bibles given with the interest of Mr. Thomson's mortification.

April 4th.—*Act of Session for a seat to the Wrights.*—The Session grant the petition of the incorporation of Square Wrights to build a loft above the guildry loft.

June 13th.—*Anent Marriage and Baptism Registers.*—The Marriage and Baptism registers still being undelivered the General Assembly appoint the Agent for the church to commence a process for recovering them.

June 25th.—It being represented that the Sabbath is profained by drawing of water from wells and river, buying of fruit in gardens, etc., visitors are appointed and the Moderator to speak to the magistrates for their concurrence in suppressing vice and enormities on the Sabbath day. The magistrates promise their assistance.

August 29th. — The Session has obtained decreet for McKean's Mortification.

[Sunday collections in September from £5 4s. to £5 18s. and bad coin from 1s. 2d. to 2s. 10d. weekly.]

October 25th.—The McKean case now in the Court of Session.

James Garden has filled up eight years of the Session register.

1740.

February 3rd.—£103 3s. distributed to the poor being in great straits.

March 16th.—*J. McKean's Mortification.*—The Court of Session give sentence in favour of John McKean intiteling him to all monies on heritable securities as nearest heir to his uncle James McKean. The case to be represented to the church agent.

May 13th. — *Regulations about Beddalls dues.* — The Session appoint that the beadles shall have annually for taking up the list of people and calling them to examination and visitation both in town and country and for their attendance on the visitors on the Sabbath day in the town to have each £3 Sc. and that in name of shoes and to have 20s. Sc. after each Sacrament in place of each having a penny Stg. out of each Sabbath day's collection—a practice now to be abolished.

October 11th.—The Communion deferred till 16th November, the corns being yet in the fields by the inclemency of the weather.

1741.

February 4th.—Fast by order of the King and General Assembly on account of the war with Spain.

March 3rd.—There being a huge number of the poor at the door crying for supply in their starving circumstances the Session resolved to distribute weekly the weekly collections to the most indigent seeing

their necessities could not wait quarterly distributions as formerly in times of plenty. Distributed £20 19s. 3d.

April 7th.—*Anent borrowing money for the poor.*—The Session considering the clamant and starving case of the poor in this time of famine and that the weekly collections goes but a short way amongst them resolve to borrow £100 Sc.

1742.

December 21st.—John Sanders, late merchant, Elgin, has bequeathed £100 Sc. to the poor of Elgin.

1744.

January 24th.—*Church utensils.*—Bailie Robert Grant reported Pittalies two silver cups in the Town's hands and delivered to the Treasurer two communion cups also a large peuter strouped flaggon.

October 7th.—*Collection for Portsoy.*—Collected to help to erect a house at Portsoy for the itinerant to preach in there £27 13s. 8d. also 10s. bad (that is non-current) coin.

October 9th.—*Fast appointed.*—The Session considering the melancholy condition of the corns lying yet in the open fields by reason of the storminess of the weather appointed a fast throughout the parish to be observed Monday next.

1745.

January 9th.—*Fast.*—Fast by appointment of civil authority on account of the war.

February 12th.—The Session considering the starving condition of the poor especially for want of fire in the lengthened storm appoint a general collection at the kirk door Sabbath afternoon next.

June 18th.—To help to carry Isobel Glass to the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, £1 10s.

September 17th.—The Session appointed 15th October for administrating the Sacrament of our Lord's Supper if the troubles of the time hinder not. [The Sacrament was held.]

October 22nd.—Distributed to 256 poor from 4s. Sc. to 21s. Sc. each.

December 18th.—*Fast observed.*—Fast appointed by the King on account of war with Spain and France and the unnatural rebellion in this kingdom was this day observed.

1746.

From 18th February to Tuesday 15th April no week day sermons because of the confusion occasioned by a great part of the rebel army lying here.

March 23rd, 30th; April 6th.—No sermon because of the confusions of the time and our minister being threatened and in danger by some of the rebels.

April 13th.—No sermon the Duke of Cumberland with the King's forces passing through the town in pursuit of the rebell army who fled to the West from this town and neighbouring places yesternight and this morning.

May 20th.—£10 3s. received for £26 6s. Sc. of uncurrent coin.

June 26th (Thursday).—Thanksgiving by appointment of the General Assembly intimated on Sabbath last for quelling the late Rebellion.

October 9th.—A thanksgiving for the victory over the Rebells Aprile last, observed by the minister of the Regiment lying in town.

1747.

March 8th.—John Petrie chosen Schoolmaster at Pluscarden.

1749.

April 25th (Tuesday).—Thanksgiving on account of the peace observed by appointment of Government.

Eighteen bibles bought at 20s. Sc. each from Mr. Thomson's mortification.

1750.

February 18th.—The Town Council having appointed John Douglas as Beddal the Session choose him kirk officer.

March 4th.—Collected £30 10s. 8d. for some widows in Drainie who lost their husbands by sea.

August 16th (Thursday).—Fast by appointment of presbytery upon account of the deludges of rain.

Paid for making a new communion table and footstool and helping the old tables £7 16s.

November 18th.—Collected £61 4s. for the Protestants in Silesia.

1751.

September 2nd.—*Garrow and Man rebuked sessionally.*—James Man and —— Garrow in Mostowie delated for breach of Sabbath by going to and returning from the Chappel well upon the first Sabbath of August. They confessed their fault and promised not to do so in time coming. They were dismissed with a sessional rebuke and the same to be intimated.

William Rhind, weaver, has removed from Elgin to Banff.

1752.

April 28th.—*Anent profanation of the Sabbath.*—The two ministers were appointed to wait on the magistrates in order to consert measures for preventing the profanation of the Sabbath day by servants and children idleing away their time under forestairs and about the outmost skirts of the town and by drawing water, dressing wiggs, etc.

June 14th. — *Visitors of the town appointed.* — The session and magistrates agree that visitors be appointed that the names of transgressors be given in to the session baillie and care to be taken to bring them upon conviction to condign punishment.

The Sacrament now held only once a year in October.

November 5th.—Thanksgiving by appointment of Synod because of the agreeable harvest.

1753.

December 4th. — *Grant banished out of town.* — The Session having complained to the Magistrates against Margaret Grant she is to be drummed out of the town this afternoon.

1754.

July 23rd.—*John Murdock's Deed of Mortification.*—Here is inserted copy of deed of mortification of 200 merks Sc. to the poor by John Murdoch in Inshallan in the Glen of Pluskarden.

October 8th.—*Fool Mage's child cast on Session.*—Fool Mage's child given to John Innes, common executioner, his wife to be nursed. The Session agree to give the Marshal's wife £6 Sc. a quarter for nursing the child also half a crown to buy cloaths to it.

1755.

February 16th. — *Collection for Jearsy.*—Collected by order of the General Assembly £69 10s. 8d. for erecting a colledge in New York.

1756.

May 5th.—Fast appointed by the Synod of Murray on account of the inclemency of the season and apparent war with France.

July 22nd (Thursday).—Fast on account of the war.

August 16th. — *General distribution.* — The Session considering the clamant case of the poor this time of great scarcity and dearth did distribute to those in town what is in hand £85 12s.

Collections in September averaged £4 13s. 7d. on Sundays and 5s. 8d. on Tuesdays.

November 23rd.—The Session considering that the delinquents cited to satisfie discipline could not appear till the stool of repentance, quite broken down at the seat, should be repaired, accordingly orders were given thereanent and appointed how soon it was mended that all the delinquents should be cited to satisfy.

Two exposed Infants. — Two infants were lately exposed one in Provost Robertson's clos in Colledge and the other at Andrew Hendrie's door at the West Port. The mothers or exposers not discovered. One infant was about a year old the other about 14 days. The magistrates and session agree to support them in equal proportions the former out of the penalties.

November 30th.—The S.P.C.K. having settled on John Petrie in Pluskarden £8 stg. yearly for teaching the Charity School to be erected there, the Session withdraw their gratuity of £4 Sc.

1757.

February 10th (Thursday).—*Fast.*—National fast appointed by the King.

August 2nd.—*Contribution appointed.*—The Session being apprised that the case of the poor is very clamant by reason of the famine appointed intimation to be made for a contribution for their behoof.

1758.

January 31st.—For necessaries for burying one of the foundlings £1 16s.

February 16th.—*Fast.*—Fast appointed by the King upon the account of war with France.

Collected for the infirmary at Aberdeen £35 15s. 9d.

April 4th (Tuesday).—Collected being a very stormy day 1s. 6d. Sc.

1759.

May 24th.—To a supplicant carried upon a litter 18s. Sc.

September 28th.—*Mr. Rintoul's admission.*—Rev. Mr. David Rintoul admitted one of the ministers of Elgin.

November 29th (Thursday).—Thanksgiving appointed by the King and Privie Council on account of success against the French.

1760.

March 13th (Thursday).—Fast appointed by the King on account of the war with France.

August 26th.—The presbytery advise that the civil magistrate be applied to by the Session to banish Barbara Reid in Colledge the bounds of the parish she being a naughty person. The Session agree that the Sheriff be applyed to to banish her the bounds when he comes to the country.

Against going to Popish priests. — The ministers are appointed to exhort Alexander Brander in Mostowie, who had taken his wife, labouring under trouble of mind, to a popish priest in the Enzie that he by his exorcisms might give her ease, as also that Alexander Harow in Colledge had gone with his son to the same priest to be relieved of the like trouble. The Session in abhorrence to such hellish practices appointed that the above persons concerned be privately spoken to and that Mr. Shaw intimate to the congregation that the above practices be guarded against by all in time coming.

1761.

February 1st.—The Session baillie undertook to put Barbara Reid out of town she being a very naughty person.

February 8th.—Collection by appointment of the General Assembly for the ministers of Pensilvania £80 12s.

1762.

March 11th (Thursday).—Fast by proclamation from the King and Privy Council on account of the war with France and Spain.

March 23rd.—*Anent Breach of Sabbath and immoralities.*—A great many of the heads of families in the town upon invitation attended the Session and agreed to aid the Session in preventing the profanation of the Sabbath day and putting a stop to other vices and immoralities that abound in the place. They offered in their turns to traverse the streets with the town's officers and to inspect some suspected ale houses and that before, in time of and after divine worship and to report delinquents to be punished by the Session baillie.

March 30th.—No sermon because of the storminess of the day.

May 16th.—The S.P.C.K. has appointed a salary for a teacher of a Charity School to be set up at Thornhill.

May 26th.—The treasurer's accounts include a gratuity of £25 4s. at the Duchess Dowager of Gordon's buriall.

May 30th. — Elizabeth Frigg, servitrix, Barnhill, dismissed with a sessional rebuke for carrying home some things in her lap on Sabbath night which her master had bought at the market on Saturday. She came not home till Sabbath night for which her master was angry with her.

November 7th. — The Act of Parliament made July 1690 for preventing murthering of new-born infants was read.

1763.

February 6th.—*Anent a Manse for ministers.*—Meeting of heritors with the presbytery to concert anent building a manse for the ministers of Elgin.

May 5th.—Thanksgiving on account of the peace twixt Brittan and France. Collected for the Infirmary at Aberdeen £103 5s.

August 16th.—John, son to James Smith in town, and Charles, son to John Ross, having been delated for climbing up on the Chanry Kirk Sabbath was a fortnight and taking their diversion there appointed they be cited to next session.

September 6th.—Given towards burying John Adam, gravemaker, 18s.

November 8th.—Paid John Shanks £4 6s. 6d. for making a chest for holding the Communion linnens and papers.

1764.

January 29th.—After sermon intimated that a course of examination in the country parish will be begun Wednesday next.

April 10th. — The Session appoint Jean Murdoch to compear publickly before the congregation to be rebuked for breach of Sabbath in having a plaiding web drying about ten of the clock in the forenoon of Sabbath in the month of July 1761.

November 13th.—This day Mr. Rintoul informed the Session that Mr. Joseph Gordon of Minorie Lane, London, had sent down to him a pulpit bible for the use of ministers of the town of Elgin upon which the Session desired that Mr. Rintoul write to the said Mr. Gordon and acknowledge their gratitude to him for so acceptable a compliment.

1765.

April 14th. — Collected for widdows in Burghsea [also called Burghead] who lost their husbands when fishing £87 9s. 6d. Sc.

May 16th (Thursday).—Fast by Act of Synod on account of the bad weather.

October 15th.—Baillie Robert Allan, treasurer, has bought at the market this day 14 yards linnen for a communion table cloath at 16s. Sc. per yard, £11 4s.

November 24th. — Collected for the widdows at Lossymouth £54 6s. 8d.

1767.

June 7th. — Collected for the Infirmary in Aberdeen £78 11s. 6d., including what was collected and given by the Grammar School boys and by the English School boys, as also what was collected at the meeting house in Pluskarden.

June 16th.—Paid £14 for nursing and burying the foundling.

No accounts of John Rhind but that he is fled.

1768.

February 28th.—The Session has two silver cups with stalks 2 lb. 2 oz. new weight, two ditto wanting stalks 1 lb. 5 oz. 9 drop ditto, one pewter flaggon, one leather bagg, and one box with communion tokens, one iron stamp for ditto, one large and one lesser table cloth, four napkins with knops and two plain ditto for the communion bred, eight napkins fringed for the collection stools, four pewther basins for collections, one ditto and two napkins for baptisms, six stools for collections, one chest three foot long, twelve inch deep with lock and key, two cloth coverings for the pulpit, one green one black, one small bell for the session house, four large tables and six forms for the communion.

June 21st. — Mr. James Cruden, schoolmaster in Elgin, chosen Session Clerk.

[March 22nd, 1770, is the last entry in this volume of Minutes. A scroll book with Session minutes and note of collections was recovered in Edinburgh a few years ago and restored to the Session. It contains entries from 7th August, 1767, to 24th November, 1779. Part of the minutes in the scroll book appear also duly entered in the foregoing volume.]

1770.

November 7th.—It being represented to the Session that James Lawrence was working in his smithy on the fast day in the morning, and that the people in Bilbohall were in the plew that day (they said their master Mr. Duff obliged them), and that Samuel Ramsay shod horses that day in Pliscardine; the members of the Session were appointed to inquire into the truth of these things.

1771.

The Session appoint 200 tokens to be made.

October 10th.—Baillie George Simpson referred to the presbytery, he refusing to answer the summons of the Session for gross profanation of the Lord's day by assembling in a publick inn with several people to consult and advise about who should be magistrates and members of the Town Council the ensuing year and likewise by signing an order upon the Treasurer for the precept of the expence of the entertainment of that meeting.

1773.

Twenty pounds weight of bad copper sold when broke at 6d. per lb.

1774.

February 20th.—Public collection at the church doors for relief of poor indigent families that have been in great distress. [£10 4s. 7d. stg. collected.]

May 4th.—The Session Clerk to intimate to Mr. James Sinclair, procurator fiscal of the Commissary Court of Murray, that he is to give the half of the fines imposed on delinquents brought before him by the Session to the Session for the use of the poor agreeable to the Act of Parliament.

1775.

September 14th.—The Session considering that there may be about 800 or 1000 people in the parish of Elgin who cannot be accommodated with seats in the Church of Elgin, many of the people do not hear when they come to church especially since some new lofts were built, for which reasons some go to other churches, some go to places of worship not of our communion and many stay at home; therefore the Session petition the Town Council for the use of the Little Church for a preacher to have publick worship in twice every Lord's day while public worship is going about in the great church. Many pious people of respectable characters have signified to contribute thereto. Rev. Mr. Peterkin dissents.

November. — Cases still occur of persons appearing before the congregation to be rebuked.

December 7th.—Alexander Duffus gives in to the Session 100 marks left by his mother, Margaret Collie, to the poor of Elgin.

1776.

December 7th.—£1 stg. given by the Session for relief of the widows in Findhorn who lost their husbands by a storm.

1779.

The Session appoint a committee to wait upon the magistrates to propose some scheme for preventing the great abuse of the Lord's day that takes place in this town. 18 lbs. Dutch of bad copper in the Session's hands.

ANE SHORT CATECHISME C[ONTAINING] THE PRINCIPALL GROUNDS OF CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUN FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF EVERY CHRISTIAN FAMILIE.

Question. Quha made man?
Ansuere. God.
Q. In quhat estate made he him?
A. Perfite haly in body and saull.
Q. To quhat end was he made?
A. To serve God.
Q. Quhat seruice craued God of him?
A. Perfite obedience to his commandeme[nts].
Q. Continued he vnder obedience?
A. Na: bot brake the commandement of G[od].
Q. Quhat punishment followed thairon?
A. Death of body and saul to him and h[is].
Q. How are we deliuered thairfra?
A. Be the free mercie of God in Chryst Jesus without our deserving.
Q. Quhat kind of person is Chryst Jesus?
A. Very God and very man in one person.
Q. Quhat hes he done for our deliuerance?
A. He died for our sinnes and rose for our righteousnes.
Q. Are all men deliuered from death and eternal damnation [by Chri]st?
[*A.* Na: bot only] thay that hes true faith in him.
Q. Quhat call ze faith?
A. Ane assured knauledge that the promises of mercy and saluation in Chryst belangis to all the faithfull and me.
Q. Tell me the headis of your faith.
A. I beleeue in God the Father Almighty.
Q. Quha workis this faith in zow?
[*A.* The Holy Ghost] be the word [and sacraments].
Q. What call ye the [wo]rd?
A. All that is vritten in the buik of God called the Ald and New Testament.

Q. Quhat cal ze ane Sacrament?
A. The haly ordinance of God be certane outward actionis setting forth and offering clearlie to all the Lord Jesus with all his graces and truly giuing him vnto saluation to all them that worthely receive.
Q. Quhy sayis yow worthely?
A. Because they that receive vnwoorthelie receive thair awin damnatioun.
Q. How many Sacraments is there?
A. Twa: baptisme and the Lords supper.
Q. Quhat dois baptisme to thy faith?
A. It seales up my washing from sinne in the blood of Chryst and my entrie into the kirk.
Q. Quhat doth the supper of the Lord to thy faith?
A. It seals up my spirituall nurishment in the kirk be the body and blood of Christ and vnion with him.
Q. Howe is true faith knain in man?
A. By his works done according to the commandements of God.
Q. Reherse the commandements.
A. Harken and take heed Israell.
Q. Quhat teaches thir commandements zow?
A. My duetie touardes God and my neighbour.
Q. Quhat is zour duety to God?
A. To loue him with all my soule hart and mind.
Q. Quhat is zour duety to zour neighbour?
A. To loue him as my self.
Q. Are ze able to do thir workes perfytlie?
[*A.* Nane of us] sa lang as we are in this lyf.
[*Q.* Quhat ariseth in us] upon this?
[*A.* A] continuall battell betuixt the flesh and the spirit.
Q. Quhat should be our exercise then in this case?
A. We should pray vnto God continualie to forgive ws our sinnes and help our weaknes.
[*Q.* How should] we pray?
[*A.* As Christ] hes tea[chit us to sa]y Our Father quhilk art.
Q. How are you assured that God will hear and grant your praiers?
A. Because he hath promised to giue me quhatsoeuer I ask him in Christes name.

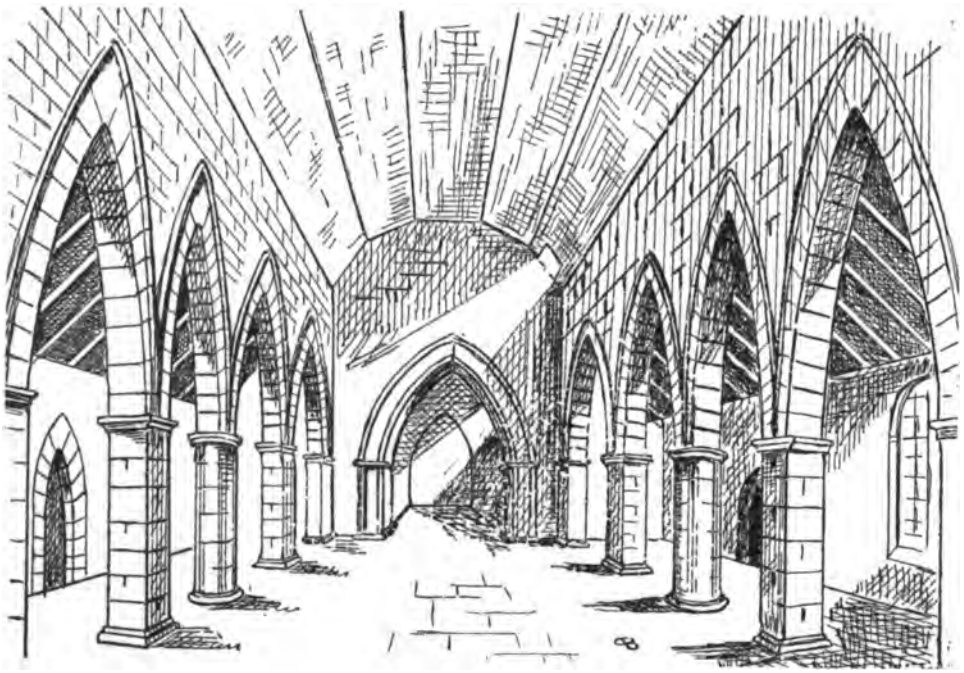
Q. What is your duty to God for this his gudnes touards zow?
A. To serue him al my daies with thankfull heart faith feare and loue.

This "Short Catechism" is taken from a MS. copy preserved, in the cover of one of the old Kirk Session registers, among some other loose papers, the oldest of which is of date 1578. The MS. now consists of two large sheets of paper, each written only on one side, but was probably originally one large sheet, folded once and written on the second and third pages so that the whole catechism would be exposed at one view. The edges of the paper are now badly torn, and the creases considerably worn and frayed, so that some words are lost or illegible (and are above conjecturally supplied in square brackets), but otherwise the text of the catechism is complete. On the back of one of the sheets are three long columns of names, perhaps a record of those either present at or absent from the catechisings, and in the central column two dates are given, the first, "1 Feb., 1597," at the top, and the second, "9 Februar," near the middle of the column. The MS. is, in all likelihood, the identical copy used by Robert Leslie, who was reader and session clerk at the end of the sixteenth and beginning of the seventeenth centuries, when he catechised the young within the church of St. Giles. The writing is bold and large, which is perhaps not to be wondered at, seeing the Session allowed only a plack candle at the evening prayers in 1604, though ten years later, in the time of Leslie's successor, George Douglas, they showed their generosity by allowing four candles on catechising nights, one, however, being still considered sufficient at the ordinary evening prayers. The observations that follow are written by Professor Cooper.

This Catechism is a free translation, made perhaps by Mr. Leslie himself, into the English (or Scots) of the Sixteenth Century from the Latin *Summula Catechismi* given by Dunlop (*Collections of Confessions of Faith, &c.*, vol. ii., p. 138), and Bonar (*Catechisms of the Scottish Reformation*, pp. 288-93). Dunlop says of it:—"This is the little Catechism which has always been taught in the Grammar Schools of Scotland. It is said to be composed by Mr. Andrew Simpson, Author of the Latin *Rudiments* which begins *Quum literarum consideratio*, who was Master of the Grammar School of Perth before and in the time of the Reformation; and afterwards was the first Protestant Minister of Dunbar." The *Summula* influenced other Catechisms; traces of it may be seen in the "Fragment apparently by Mr. Robert Blair," in "The A. B. C. or a Catechisme for Yong Children, appoynted by Act of the Church and Councell for Scotland, 1644," and in "The New Catechisme according to the Forme of the Kirk of Scotland . . . set forth for the generall good of both Kingdomes, London, 1644" (Mitchell's *Catechisms of the Second Reformation*).

Simson had been schoolmaster of the ancient Grammar School of Perth for ten years before the Reformation, and it is said that he embraced the Reformed doctrines after perusing Sir David Lindsay's "The Book of the Monarchie." Among the Reformed clergy he was no friend to Royal or episcopal supremacy, though he married Violet Adamson, the sister of the Archbishop of St. Andrews. By this lady he became the father of five sons who became ministers, and of whom three, Patrick, Archibald and Alexander, attained high distinction. Later descendants included John Simson, Professor of Divinity at Glasgow, suspended for doubtful doctrine by the General Assembly of 1728, Robert Simson the eminent mathematician, and, in the female line, Patrick and George Gillespie, and the living historian, Mr. Andrew Lang. Perhaps there is no one in Scottish history who became the ancestor of so many famous divines and scholars, while by his *Catechism* and his Latin *Rudiments* he taught many more.

The chief variations from the *Summula* in this Elgin Catechism are here noted. Before "*Q.* What call ye the Word?" the *Summula* has "*Q.* In what manner doth he work it through the Word and Sacraments? *A.* He openeth our heart so that we believe God speaking in the Word and Sacraments." After "*Q.* What call ye the Word?" the *Summula* has "*Q.* How many parts be there of the Word of God? *A.* Two, The Law and the Gospel. *Q.* What is the Law? *A.* The Teaching of God, requiring of us our duty, and, forasmuch as we cannot pay, condemning us. *Q.* What is the Gospel? *A.* The Teaching [of God] offering Christ to us with all His benefits and our debt (duty) discharged by Him, and proclaiming us to be free." On the other hand, the Elgin Catechism inserts the word "worthily" in the *Q.* concerning the Sacraments, and *Q.* and *A.* which are not in the *Summula.* "*Q.* Why do you say 'worthily'? *A.* Because they that receive unworthily receive their own damnation." For the Elgin "*Q.* How many Sacraments are there?" the *Summula* has "*Q.* What are the Sacraments of the New Testament?", and it defines Baptism in terms closer to those with which we are familiar in the *Shorter Catechism:* "Baptism is the Sacrament of our ingrafting into Christ, and of [our] washing from our sins." Again, the Elgin Catechism, in dealing with the Lord's Supper, combines four Questions and Answers of the *Summula* as follows:—"*Q.* What is the Holy Supper? *A.* The Sacrament of our spiritual nourishment in Christ. *Q.* What help giveth the Holy Supper to our faith? *A.* It beareth witness that, just as by bread and wine our bodies are fed and made to grow, so our souls are nourished and strengthened unto life eternal by the body and blood of Christ crucified. *Q.* How are we nourished by the body and blood of Christ? *A.* While by faith we behold, and by the power of the Holy Ghost there present apply those things to ourselves. *Q.* How do we behold by faith, and apply to ourselves the body of Christ crucified? *A.* When we persuade ourselves that the Death and Crucifixion of Christ do no less belong to us than if we ourselves had been crucified for our sins. For this persuasion is of true faith."



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EXTRACTS FROM PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

1636.

July 21st.—No meitting the next day [July 28th] in respect off the mercatt.

1637.

April 13th.—Jannett Young, spous to James Bonyman, called [for adultery], compeired not. Mr. John Gordone ordeined to advertise the magistrates and to desyre them to put her in ward till shoe find suretye for obedience.

September 14th.—William Gunne compeired in sakcloath, confessit his adulterie with Christian Clerk, spous to James Ross, and wes remitted to give satisfactioun to the discipline off the Session of Elgine.

1639.

July 18th.—The moderator and brethren being informed that Dr. Johne Gordoun, deposed, yet did preach in Mr. Hendrie Ross his kirk of Essie, wherfor Mr. John Annand is ordained to inquire of Mr. Hendrie Ross if with his consent he preached, and the said Dr. Johne Gordoun to be cited to the next meeting.

July 25th.—The brethren are ordained by last Generall Assemblie to intimat the excommunicatione of the Bischope of Murray.

September 12th.—Compeired —— Pantone and was committed to waird till she finds cautione for her compeirance to satisfie the discipline.

1640.

January 16th.—Whereas it was reported to the moderator there was publick guysing and great disorders in the towne of Elgine thir festivall tymes past, he inquired of the provost whether there was anie such thing or publick going to masse as was reported, ansuered ther was no such thing within the towne except it had bene within Lady Murrayes house, and withall the provost was desyred to make forder inspectione and tak greater notice if anie such thing was against this day 15 dayes.

July 9th.—Thomas Mackenzie of Pluscarden chosen commissioner to the Generall Assemblie.

September 24th.—Mr. Gilbert Ross admitted at Elgin.

November 24th.—Mr. Gilbert Ross regrated in presbyterie the imagerie in the rood loft of Chanrie kirk, wherfor the moderator [Mr. Alexander Spens] and the said Mr. Gilbert war appointed to speake to my lord of Murray for dimolishing therof.

1641.

March 18th.—Mr. Gilbert Ros having declared that William Ros, the hangman, hade fallin in fornicatione and that he hade a mynd to marie and that the people wold not suffer to heare him proclamed, therfor the brethen ordered the said Mr. Gilbert to marie him without proclamatione of bannes.

December 30th. — The moderator and brethren conveined for visitatione of the kirk of Elgine and Mr. Robert Innes had sermon as was ordained. Mr. Gilbert Ros, minister at Elgin, being removed, the laird of Pluscarden, the tutor of Duffus, the magistrats of the citie, the elders of the sessione and wther parochiners of Elgin gave the said Mr. Gilbert Ros, minister, the testimonie that both in lyfe and doctrine he was ane honest, faithfull and painfull minister in all the parts of his office. Lykwayes the said Mr. Gilbert affirmed that he found no fault in his parochiners bot that sincerlie and zealouslie they concurred with him to have God honoured in the repressing of sinne and vyce.

1643.

July 13th.—The presbytery committed Agnes Laing, Elgin, to waird for her obstinacie in not declaring the true father of her child. Robert Hardie soliciting that she might be put to libertie as he hoped to get her to confess, the brethren consent.

1645.

April 17th.—Mr. Murdoch Mackenzie admitted to the kirk of Elgin.

June 8th.—The kirk of Elgin to be supplied in Mr. Murdoch Mackenzies absence quho could not resid be reason of the trubles.

August 14th.—The toun of Elgin and the presbytery jointly elect Mr. Thomas Law, minister of Boharme, to be minister at Elgin. Mr. Alexander Spence, Mr. Robert Innes and Mr. Robert Tarras protest because two ministers having equal charge should have equal provision.

August 28th.—Mr. Thomas Law admitted to the charge of the kirk of Elgin. He and others protest regarding the stipend. Mr. Murdoch Mackenzie procured the designation before Mr. Thomas Law's admission. The first minister has ten chalder wictuall, 200 merks of money, gleeb and manse. The second minister has only aucht chalder and he has the wholl charges of the elements with the payment of the taxt siluer.

1646.

May 22nd.—At Spynie. Some of the brethren could not meet this day be reason the publik enimie was in the countrey. This meeting was after sex monethes tym whilk tym the brethren could not meet, the publik enimie laying dispersed through the whol countrey.

May 25th.—At Spynie. In respect that the pressurs and persecution of the publik enimie was veri great and that som fled and som lurked at hom the space almost of ane halfe year and in the mean tym reports passed on the brethren whilk very much tendit to the contempt and dishonor of the ministrie, the moderator thoght it expedient to inquire the severall brethren of ther caryages all the tyme. . . . . Mr. Murdoch Mackenzie affirmed that he lived in Chanrie where the publik enimie hanted bot that he never eated nor drank with any of them.

Máy 27th.—At Spiny. The thrie ministers, Mr. Thomas Law, Mr. Robert Innes, Mr. Robert Tarres, quho liued in the garrison of Spinie that half yeir of the publik persecution did give in ane greivance on the laird of Ballandolach.

June 18th.—The laird of Ballindalloch compeired and confessed his passion over-rouled him. He promised never to do the lyk.

August 20th.—At Elgin. No exercise in respect of the multitud of souldiers in the toun hindring the exercise that day.

October 1st.—At Elgin. The moderator and wholl brethren mett but could not hav any saiff meeting for doing their affaires be reason off som eminent danger be the incoming of Lues Gordon and his troupes to Elgin.

October 29th.—The complyers referred to the next day because off the present trubles and almost weeklie incursion of Lues Gordon and his associatts.

November 12th.—Margret Murray, parissioner off Spyny, and Janet Cuj, parissioner off Elgin, accused of witchcraft.

The ministers of Elgin reported that Alexander Woodward, parishioner in Spyny, compeered befor the Session off Elgin desyring baptism to ane child in the name of the mother, Jean Woodward, who affirmed the child to hav bein begottin within the parish of Elgin be Lues Gordon, sonne to the Marquis off Huntley. The presbitrie ordaines the ministers off Elgin to baptis the child, having first taken surtie off the woman for compeiring before ther session to declair who is the father off the child.

November 26th.—The brethren appointed for the trial of Margret Murray and Janat Cuj reported these two had compeired and that they had receaved nine or ten points off delation off magicall practises against Janat Cuj:—(1) Be her means Jannet Anderson in Elgin was deprived off her speach for the space of 15 dayes and not throghlie delyvered as yet; (2) that she should hav mad Jhon Purs in Elgin for the space of nine weeks unabl to retain any meatt on his stomach and for the on half day to sweatt and the other half to trembl, and did never recover untill he bled her with a tree and imediatlie therefter recovered his health; (3) that she sould have mad Elen Chalmber in Elgin, spous to umquhill William Tarras, for the space of three quarters off a year unabl to walk and hav her wholl skin excoriatt and when the said

Helen challenged her for not visiting her being her neir neighbour all the tyme, also sitting doun on her bear knees had oftin prayed God to curs her iff she had don wrong to the said Jannat and God to curse the said Jannat iff she had wronged her, in end the said Jannat ansuered Go hom, you will not die off this seeknes, from the quhilk tym fordward the said Helen grew still better and in short space recovered health perfectlie; (4) that a black bitch that ordinarlie did follow her being thrice killed be the said Jannatts husband and put first under stons in the water yet rais again and then buried in a gulf off great deepnes in William Cooks yard yett raised again and cam to William Cooks hous; (5) having bein for a whole night out off hir own hous from hir husband and returning in the morning wher hir husband was be 4 or 5 hours in the morning hir husband demanded hir wher she had bein, ansuered the fairie had taken hir away to Messindiu wher she slept all night; (6) she was divers tyms found half dead lying in the Grayfriers and uther places neirby; (7) hir husband was hard ordinarlie challeng her secretlie for rysing in the night tym and going furth and tarying all night out; (8) being refused off a drink be Thomas Patersons wyff in Elgin she did imprecat God, viz., all the aill wold meitt her in the floor, quhilk fell out accordinglie; (9) being craved off umquhill Thomas Gadderer off som moneys for macking hir husbands chest she ansuered he had gottin aneuch alreddie, wherupon he replyed Witch carling, I shall hav mor off you yet, she replied Witches and warlocks carrie thee away out of your bed, quhilk fell out accordinglie, wherupon the man duyned on untill he died. The said Janat denyed all, wherupon the brethren finding her obdured committs her again to ward and to privat conference and prayers, and ordains the Session of Elgin to proceed in in ane ordinarie tryall. The ministers of Elgin report that Jannet Cui had broken ward and fled.

December 17th—The brether declar the reason off ther not keiping the last appointed meitting to hav been the Marquis of Huntleye comming in to the cuntrie with his forces at that tym.

1647.

January 7th.—Delation of complyers . . . in Elgin, the laird of Pluscardin, Alexander Innes of Oldmilns, Robert Innes, Alexander Steiven.

February 25th.—No convention the last day becaus of Lues Gordon his incursion on the cuntrie.

March 11th.—Compeired the laird of Pluscardin and did ingenuouslie with signes of great sorrow and humilitie confess that he had joyned with that excommunicat traitor, James Graham, the publick enemie off this kirk and kingdom, and that he had subscribed Ja. Grahams band. To confess in the seat before the pulpit in the church of Elgin. Alexander Innes of Old Milns confessed he received a protection from Ja. Graham being sent in a commission from the Comittee off Murray to the said James Graham and so being in the enemies hands for saiftie off his lyff was forced to tak a protection from him, (2) that Ja. Grahams health was severall tyms drunken in his hous, (3) that he did frequently converse with the Marques of Huntley and his associatts and go to their camp being sent be seuerall gentlemen in the countrie for saiftie of ther lands. Posed concerning whether he did approv Ja. Grahams and Huntleys courses lawfull or unlawfull, he desyred continuation untill the next day. Robert Innes, son to Alex^{r}. Innes of Oldmills, confesses he published one of L. Lues Gordons orders in the kirk of Elgin. To mak his publick repentance in the kirk of Elgin. He said he did detest and abhor the wicked courses of Ja. Graham and Huntley and ther associatts.

March 18th. — Alexander Innes of Oldmills gives satisfaction. Alexander Steiven in Elgin is accused of informing the enemy where his neighbours goods were. Witnesses affirm that an Irishman called Mans said Alexander Steiven led them to Walter Mills booth and that he knew him by the pearl in his ey. A witness said a woman cam out off Rothes and told that Alexander Steiven had givin intelligence to L. Lues that som men off Spyny was in the toun and said farther that he and otheres wer evill nighbours to the toun. George Baxter, younger, Elgin, deponed that when he was prisoner in the tolbooth off Elgin Alexander Cummings man in Dundurcas said that Alexander Steiven did giv them frequent intelligence and particularlie that day that L. Lues cam upon Ballindalloch in Elgin and his company. Alexander Steiven being inquired if he caried any commission from any off the enimie to any in the hous of Spyny in tym off the trubles does confess that the old Lady Grant had directed him to speak to the Lady Ballindalloch to deall with her husband to quytt the hous off

Spyny and reteir himself to sum vther place, glorifie God and confess his fault and she wold procure his peace, quhilk commission the said Alexander Steiven did carry be his own confession. He is referred to the ensuing assemblie of Murray.

August 26th.—Alexander Steiven is south and his process lyeth over till his hom coming.

1648.

January 20th.—Alexander Steiven is appointed to satisfy in the kirk of Elgin.

February 17th.—The ministers of Elgin reported that the trumpeter quha ravished the young damosell in Threipland in the parochin of Urquhart was condemned be an council off war and shott att the post in Elgin.

August 17th.—The common head delayed for tuentie dayes becaus off a mercat in Elgin.

1649.

February 15th.—The ministers of Elgin vndertook to deall with the magistratis off Elgin to change the Saturndayes mercat.

February 28th.—*Pro re nata* meiting becaus it wes reported that Pluscardin hade drawen to a heid and hade taken in the towne of Invernes. The brethren thought it most expedient that the nixt Lords day all of them out of the pulpit dissuade ther people from joyning with him.

November 14th.—Thomas Dunbar, Alexander Burnett and Patrick Gibson, parochiners of Elgin, acknowledge their guilt in taking charge in the late unlawfull ingadgement.

November 21st.—Visitation at Elgin. The said day Mr. William Clogie, elder, preached on his ordinar Matth. 8, 16. The moderator and remanent brethren being present, Mr. Murdo McKeinyee and Mr. Thomas Law, ministers of Elgin, delivered to the moderator a note of the names of the elders in the burgh and land of Elgin paroch as followeth: Mr. Johne Hay, provest of Elgin, Mr. Johne Dowglasse, Robert Hardie, bailyie, Andro Kay, Williame Winchester, Thomas Caldell, bailyie, Johne Chamber, notar publict, William Laing, bailyee,

George Cumming, baillie, William Schoch, Jerome Spense, [etc., in all 19 elders for the town, 16 elders for landward, and 4 deacons], who being present were solemnlie sworne to declare the truth anent ther ministers carriage in lyff, doctrine and discipline according to the interrogatures to be moved to them by the moderator. The saids Mr. Murdo McKenzie and Mr. Thomas Law being remoued and the provest and bailyes of Elgin, Mr. Johne Dowglasse of Moristoune, Jerome Spens, John Hay of Knockawdie, Gilbert Innes in Blackhills being severallie and apart posed with sundrie quaeries relateing to ther personall and pastorall deportment in the diverse particulars mentioned in the preceding visitation, they gaue the saids ministers ane ample testimonie of pietie in ther lyff, eminent abilitie and fidelitie in ther calling, giveing thanks to the Lord in ther behalf and that he wes pleased to sett them over them in his work. The remanent elders being called in they homologate the said testimonie all in one woyce. The elders being remoued, the ministers being posed anent ther carriage in lyff and eldership they gave them a gude testimonie and cheiflie commended the faithfull concurrence and assistance they hade of the magistrates of the toune of Elgin and required the elders in the landwart wold be more carefull in delateing scandalls and more inquisitorie in the families of ther quarters anent the care of familie worship and delate the deficients in that necessarie and piouse dutie. The elders being called in, the saids elders in landward wer seriously exhorted as wes required.

The visiters of the Session book fand great diligence in discipline and much exactnesse in processes but some impertinent words and omissions wer observed, as the not inserting of the causes of fasts and thanksgiveings and such lyk, wherupon William Murray, clerk to the Session, wes admonished and the ministers required that one or both of them sould be assisting to the said Williame in filling up of ther register that processes and others may be the more formallie done. The said William being removed wes approven in his painefulnesse of teaching the Musick Schoole but wes admonished to walk more circumspectlie and soberlie in his conversation.

Alexander Murray, kirk officer, being removed, the ministers and elders gave him no gude report be reason of his sloughtfulnesse and carelessnesse in his office, who being called in wes sharplie rebuked and

the ministers and elders enjoyned to discharge him the office iff heirafter he be not found to amend.

The ministers being enquired anent ther provision of mantaineance declared they hade a competent mantaineance but for gleib and manse they hade bot one which Mr. Murdoch McKenzie [possessed] which manse is not competent neither is the gleib full, wherfor Mr. William Clogie, Mr. Thomas Law, Mr. Alexander Anderson, Mr. Robert Innes ar appointed to designe a full gleib in the lands next adjacent to the imperfect gleib that presentlie he possesseth, as also Mr. Thomas Law is appointed to seek the benefitt of the law for a manse and gleib for himself.

The communicants are two and twentie hundreth in number.

The ministers of Elgin declare ther consent of disjoyneing Pluscarden and Kelles from the paroch of Elgin and annexing of them to Birney for ther better accommodation and of the disjoyning of Blackhills at the east from Elgin and annexing it to Longbryde. The presbytery delay their judgement.

The ministers of Elgin requyred advys anent the censure of Jeane Annand, spous to Major George Meldrum, and Jonat Cuthbell, spous to Alexander Innes of Old Milnes, who hade miscarried in the kirk upon the Lords day twixt the second and third bell befor the most part of the congregation in scolding termes one against another upon a contest of ther sitting in a dask. Both the said parties to be discharged sitting in that dask henceforth and for the great offence wes given to the congregation they publiklie upon the nixt Lords day to acknowledge ther fault in face of the congregation.

1650.

January 31st. — Andrew Leslie in Elgin, a captain in the late unlawfull ingadgment, is appointed to make his publict repentance befor the congregation of Elgin.

February 14th. — The ministers of Elgin regrated that some few parochiners of Elgin hade not communicat this last tyme though they wer debarred by no act of anie kirk judicatorie. They ar appointed to writt to Mr. Joseph Brodie to be informed anent the censure of such.

March 13th.—Designation of Mr. Murdo McKenzies gleib. Those appointed past to the land called Harviehaugh as the most eweis kirk land to the parish of Elgin and measuring his present land and finding it short of a compleat gleib they measured as much adjacent land as made up four aikers marched as followeth: at the west having the high gate which descends from Losse wynd with the yards nixt adjacent therto, at the south the yards of the toun of Elgin, at the east descending from the saids yards by potts and kairnes to head of a bank northward, and upon north ane meadow lying nigh the water of Lossie.

April 17th.—Upon the joynt regrate of the ministers of Elgin that Mr. Thomas Law wanted gleib and manse, however manie kirk manses wer within the Colledge of Elgin unjustlie dilapidated and much kirk land lyand contigue with the borrow roodes of the said toune of Elgin, the presbyterie authorize the moderator [and three others] to designe the house and yaird in the Colledge of Elgin called the Viccars manse and now possest by James Chamber, gardener, as also they injoyne Mr. Robert Innes [and two others] to designe four aiker of land of the landis called Sanct Katharines croft lyand contigue with the house and yairdis of the friers of Elgin at the west as a sufficient gleib.

May 15th. — John Hepburne, sonne to Alexander Hepburne of Inverlochtie, a Lievetennant in the late vnlawfull ingadgment, acknowledged his guilt and humblie submitted to censure. The ministers of Elgin to sie him subscribe the declaration against the said ingadgment and after his publick repentance to receawe him.

The presbytery declare that the lands of Blackhills, Thornehill, Clackmarres with Easter Whitwraie be annexed to Langbryde and a representation to be made to the Lords of the Committee of Plantation that ther civile sanction may be interponed. They also declare that the nether part of the lands of Pluscarden, to witt, the precinct and lands lying contigue therto, Netherbyre, Appleward, Easter and Wester Hills, Barnehill, Drinkinghill, Redevie, Inchshellan, Inchsharmach, Forsterseat, Auchtertuyre, Corsley, Upper Manbeenes, Bogesyde and Wester Whytwray are not commodiouslie lying for the paroch of Elgin wherof they ar a part for that tyme but that they lye verie ewease and commodiouse for the paroch kirk of Birney. Therfor the presbyterie by thir presents declare that for the ease of the people and the propagation of the gospell it is fit and reasonable that the saidis lands be annexed to

the said kirk of Birney and this ther judgement anent the accommodation of the saids lands to be represented to the Lords of the Committee of Plantation.

A place for a manse designed for Mr. Thomas Law and for a gleib St. Katherines croft but the said land wanted of a full gleib.

June 20th.—The Session of Elgin supplicate for the annexation of Auldroughtie, Murrestoune and Sherreff Milne to Elgin, at present in Spynie, also that Linkwoodes might rather be annexed to Elgin than kept at Sanct Andrewes, seeing the water of Locye is interjected twixt them and ther paroch kirk wheras nothing may hinder them repaireing to Elgin at anie tyme. The rentall of the teyndis of the paroches of Elgin, Spynie and St. Andrewes to be considered before anything is done.

1651.

January 8th.—Janet Hosack, charmer, being referred from Elgin, is appointed to mak her publik repentance in Birney, Alves and Elgin (becaus the scandall had spred farr) and that *in sacco.*

February 5th.—No exercise by reason off a gryt randizvooze off three parishes in the mure off Elgin.

March 19th.—No exercise this day by reason off a Committee that meet in the South Ill off the church.

Margaret Gordon in the parish of Essill being cited for deliverie off a scandalous letter to Mr. Thomas Law compeired and being posed be the moderator from whom she had receaved the said letter answered it was from a man ryding on a brown pownie. Mr. William Jack being posed denyed in gryt spleene that he wes the delyverer off the said letter and affirmed that he would prove that he was at home in Innes Hill that day and said it was a strange thing he could not get leave to live in the country for ministers, and Mr. Thomas Law desyred that the moderator sould enquire off everie brother what they knew concerning the author, penner or conveyer off the said letter, upon the which desyre incontinent Mr. William Jack hasted away abruptlie and very irreverentlie to the dore, saying that he would neither speak nor do anything anent the said matter untill he got amends, bot the presbyterie taking this his miscarriage in evill part directed the officiar requiring him to returne

which he refused to obey saying that he would not care for the presbyterie seing he was not charged and the officiar replying said I charge yow in the name off the moderator and presbyterie to returne presentlie under the paine off censure, to the which he answered he would not. To be cited to next meeting.

April 16th.—Janet Hosack, having appeared in sackcloth before the congregations of Alves and Elgin, is absolved from the scandal of charming.

Mr. William Jack, chaplain to Sir Robert Innes elder of that ilk, to be summoned to next dyet. Mr. Robert Gordon, son to Sir Robert Gordon of Gordonston, to be summoned to compear before the presbytery, being suspected of writing the foresaid scandalous letter.

April 30th.—Compeired Mr. William Jack and confessed his hastie and rash miscarriage before the presbyterie. Compeired Sir Ludovick Gordon and denied all knowledge of the writing of the scandalous letter.

Mr. William Thomsone, chaplaine to the Earle of Murray, summoned before the presbytery for sindry scandalous and uncharitable expressions uttered by him against the present publict resolutions of kirk and state and against ther doctrine. (1) Its alleadged he saith that the ministers of Elgin doe not edifie by ther doctrine, (2) Mr. Murdo McKenzie has nothing of Christ in his sermons, (3) Mr. Thomas Law darre byde by the thing he preacheth, (4) the present expedition will be the blackest ingadgment that came yet; and he ordinarlie speakes against the resolution of the kirk and state. He denied all.

May 1st.—A witness deponed that Mr. William Thomson hade spoken (while My Ladie Murray was commending Mr. Murdo McKenzie for his powerfull and able way of preaching) that the said Mr. Murdo was endeid a gude preacher if he lay neirer Christ, and by the disposition of one witness that Mr. Thomas Law wes much obleist to Cromwell for he helped him to spend a great part of his glasse in his sermons, and that this levey was like to proue another unlawfull ingadgment because of the violence and oppression in the land. The ministers of Elgin signifie to the presbytery to pass from anie censure on him, but the presbytery admonished him grauelie to beware of these or the lyk inconsiderate and uncharitable expressions and the said Mr. William receaved the word of admonition with a due and submissive respect.

May 14th.—Mr. William Jack compeired and was rebuked for his miscarriage before the presbytery. Further censure delayed.

The ministers of Elgin humblie regrated that howbeit ther wes great and pregnant presumptions of Margaret Innes in Elgin, spous to James Geddes, her horride guilt of murdering her owne servant, named Jeane Innes, upon the tuentie third day of February last, being the Lords day, yet no tryall made thereanent by the civile magistrate becaus he has no particular commission for tryall of that murder and doeing justice therin accordinglie. Wherfor it is appointed a letter be written from the presbytery to the Kings Majestie, the Committee of Estates and Lords of Privie Councell humblie to petitionat the authoriseing of Thomas Dunbar, Sheriff Principall, and his deputs to try and administer justice in the said murder. The ministers of Elgin declared that they hade found by reall prooff that the said Margaret hade prostitute Marjorie Geddes, her doughter, to Mr. John Innes of Lewchars. This case to be tryed after the trial for the murther.

May 28th.—No doctrine in regard of a great concourse at a mercatt neir the kirk doore and a great noise such as useth to be at such tymes.

As Mr. William Jack is to repaire to Sutherland a letter is appointed to be written to the presbytery ther to take notice of him as of one vnsatisfied with the present publict resolutions of the church that the present unhappie divisions in the kirk and kingdome be not fomented and enlarged by his means in that part of the land.

Mr. Robert Gordon, son of Sir Robert Gordon, still refusing to satisfy the presbytery as to that scandalous letter he is to receive the first admonitione. Mr. Robert Gordon appeals to the Synod.

October 22nd.—Mr. Robert Gordone has satisfied in all points for his misdemeanour towards and rash speeches against the presbytery of Elgin conforme to the ordinance of the late Synod.

November 26th.—The said day it was found expedient to continow the doctrine thogh the exerciser was present and ready to delyver the doctrine, as also it was thoght expedient to continow the effaires of discipline in regard of the great concourse of English sojares within the toune and ther travelling throgh the cuntrey so that the bretheren were constrained to hasten home least in ther absence any violence should be offered to ther families. The bretheren taking to ther serious consideratione the inconveniencie of meiting in the toun of Elgin have appoynted the next meiting to be at Birney.

1652.

January 7th.—At Birney. The moderator reported that the meeting at Kinloss [with the presbytery of Forres appointed for December 10th, 1651] did not hold in regard of the comeing of the English to the cuntrey before the day of meeting.

June 30th.—Girsell Gibsone being referrit be the Sessione of Elgine to the presbitrie for her disobedience in not ansuering the discipline for her cohabitatione with ane Inglish sojare in fornicatione under pretence of a forged marriage, compeired. The presbytery ordain her to stand publickly in sackcloath three Lords dayes before the pulpit the whole tyme off lecture and sermone in the forenoone.

July 7th.—Grissell Gibsone supplicating, the presbytery enjoin her to stand only two days.

July 27th.—No exercise in regard of the great concours of people, being the marcat evin.

1653.

April 20th.—At Elgin. No exercise in regard of the great concourse off Englishe sojores in and about the place of exercise.

July 6th.—Margaret Innes her sentence. She denied herself guilty of the murder of her servant, Jean Innes, but it was proved by two witnesses. An Act of Generall Assembly 1648 provided that where the public magistrate was deficient in his duty the guilty party should stand fifty Lord's days in sackcloth in that place where the scandal was. She was appointed to satisfy in the church of Elgin.

August 17th.—The ministers of Elgin report that Margaret Innes has given no obedience to the sentence of the presbytery.

The commissioner [Mr. Alexander Symmer] who was direct to the Generall Assemblie having returned reported that conforme to the commissione both hee and the ruling elder [Alexander Douglas of Spynie] had kept the tyme and place of meiting and that the Assemblie was violentlie raised (by some of the English commanders being accompanied with a number of sojares both horse and foot) immediatly after ther first sitting downe. The bretheren considering of the sadd

and sorrowing condition of the Kirk of Christ in the land, they thoght it incumbent to them and a necessary dewtie in this day of Ziones distresses to hawe a private presbiteriall fast and day of humiliatione. The meeting to be at St. Andrews becaus Elgin was too publict a place. The moderator [Mr. Alexander Symmer], Mr. William Clogie, Mr. Murdo McKenzie and Mr. James Park appointed to be speakers and ilk one to spend ane houre in prayer and sermone and the meiting to beginne bee ten houres.

November 3rd. — Mr. John Innes of Lewchars compeirs for his mother-in-law, Margaret Innes, who is in sicknesse, and undertakes that she shall satisfy the discipline of the church.

November 16th.—At Elgine. That day all the bretheren having come to the toune to attend the presbiteriall meiting (being the ordinarie day) the meiting was interrupted by the Inglish troupers who had a number of ther horses in the church which was the place of meiting, and they appointed the next meeting to bee Tuesday comes eight dayes.

November 29th.—At Elgine. Conveined moderator and remnant members, except Mr. Will. Sanders who is hindered by the greatnesse of the water of Spey. Ther was no exercise in regard of the foulnesse of the day, the bretheren not having mett tymeously.

1656.

July 3rd.—Visitation at Elgin. Elders: Mr. John Douglas, provost, Mr. William Cobban, bailyie, Mr. James Annand, Robert Dumbar, bailyie, James Tarras, bailyie, George Cumyn, bailyie, Mr. John Hay, commissar, [etc., 44 in all]. The ministers reported to be faithfull and painfull, only it was reported by some that be reason of the vast bounds of the paroche they could nott catechise so frequently as neid were. The ministers of Elgin declaired that (in respect off the number of their communicants and vastness of bounds) they could not doe their dutie in catechiseing and visitatione of families and desyred the presbitry to tak it to their consideratione and ease them of their unsupportable burthen. The visitor of the Session Book declares that much diligence is used against delinquents and much exactnes in disciplin, only ther ar many informalities in the wreator. William Murray, clerk to the Session and precentor, being removed, the ministers of Elgin declare that after

admonition he was unskilfull in wreating and somewhat exorbitant in his exactions. Being called in, he was gravely rebuked be the moderator and exhorted to amend. Mr. George Cumyn, schoolmaster in grammar, being remowed was approven in lyfe, conversatioun and abilities and painefulness. The said day Mr. John Hay, commissar, declared that the foresaid Mr. George had demitted his charge and desired the presbitrie to be diligent in choysing and purchasing another schoolmaster. Alexander King, schoolmaster in musick, was approven. James Wardin, officiar, was approven.

July 22nd.—Concerning John Innes *alias* Doctor Innes, his oath to be taken before the congregation anent Janet Anderson's accusation of him as father of her child.

November 26th. — Margaret Innes in Bellie being excommunicat long since for a scandall of murther and obstinacy to the presbitry did present a supplication acknowledging the equity of the sentence and desyring to be relaxt. [On December 24th she compears before the presbytery in sackcloth and is ordained to enter to her repentance in order to relaxation in the congregations of Bellie and Elgin. On May 20th, 1657, she was relaxed from excommunication.]

1657.

September 2nd.—At Elgin. The brethren on the east hand from Elgin could not come by reason of the excessive rain and the great spait. This day Mr. Thomas Law was buried. Mr. Colin Falconer having been at the west hand (who otherwyse could not have come to the presbytery because of the bow brig more then others who wer at the east) reported as to Langbryde.

1658.

January 20th.—The presbytery and heritors concerned disjoin the lands of Blackhills from Elgin and annex them to Langbryde. Referred to the Synod for their sanction.

August 18th.—The presbytery resolve that the lands of Pluskardin and Kelleis be disjoyned from the paroche of Elgyn, that the lands of

Easter Kelleis be joyned to the church of Dollas, and the land of Whitetree, which is part of Pluskardin, to the church of Raffort and the rest of the lands of Pluskardin to the church of Birny, and refer the matter to the next Synod.

September 2nd.—Collections to be made for George Patton in Elgin, whose house and whole substance was utterly brunt up and destroyed by a violent fire in the night tyme.

December 22nd.—Nothing more can be done anent Pluscarden, the laird of Pluscarden being not in the country and the laird of Tarbet was entring legally in these lands and he cannot be cited becaus of the great distance he lyes at from the presbytery, his residence being in Ross.

1659.

December 28th.—This day ther was a delation in presbiterie that the lairds of Pluscarden and Coxton with Dr. Gordon and Humilitie [Denis Latossonier] have keeped a superstitious feast in the idle days of Christmas with the Ladie Huntlie. The presbyterie upon due deliberatione refer the forsaid persons to the several congregations wherein they are concerned.

1660.

March 28th.—The brethren report that they had rebuked the several persons quho had keeped the superstitious feast with the Ladie Huntlie.

1661.

March 6th.—Mr. Murdoch McKenzie desyred the assistance of the bretheren in searching after information against witches and charmers, particularly against Margaret Murray in the parish of St. Andrews, John Rinne and Elspeth Smith within the parish of Elgin, and Cristane Cumming within the parioch of Elgin. The presbytery thought it fitte that intimation should be made by all the brethren from their several pulpits that if any person could clear any thinge of charmeing and witchcraft against the forsaid persons may be pleased

to acquaint the minister or session or repair to Elgin upon Wednesday wher they will have a full hearing.

March 21st.—No addition in respect the day appointed for the presbyterial meeting was changed because of the Sheriff Murrays burial and the adder for that day not advised to attend this.

March 28th.—Mr. Murdoch Mackenzie presented a letter from My Lord Commissioner, the tenor whereof was that ministers should not go beyond their sphere in medling with matters civil and the said Mr. Murdoch Mackenzie returned ane answer to the said Lord Commissioner that his desyre was and should be obeyed.

May 1st.—The said day came a refer from the Session of Elgin anent charming. It being clearly proven that John Rind and Elspet Smith are frequent charmers the presbytery ordanit the forsaid persons to satisfye *in sacco* both in Elgin and Spynie wher they were guiltie of the forsaid sin of charming.

1662.

January 20th.—[At end of minute of this meeting is this note:—"Heir the meetings of Church judicatories did ceasse for a tyme. Upon the 4 of Febr. 1662 there was no meeting of the presbyterie in regard that the meetings of church judicatories were inhibited by Act of His Majesties Secret Counsell." The next minute is on November 12th.]

November 12th.—At Elgin. Convened the Lord Bishope and the brethren.

1663.

April 22nd.—The L.B. and brethren judged it fitt to encourage the kirk officer to a diligent attendance by appointing every one that exercises before the presbyterie to give him 2s. that day he exercises.

1664.

February 25th.—William Troup, messenger, Elgin, for violentlie striking a man in the house of God in time of divine worship is ordained to stand in saccloth two several Sabboth dayes in the kirk of Elgin and

the magistrates are to be asked to give him further punishment wherby others might be terrified to doe the lyck againe.

March 15th. — Visitation at Elgin. Elders: George Cumming, provost, [and 34 others]. For want of accommodatione manie are deprived of the benefit of the word. It was recommended to see to the better accommodation of the people by the erection of the new church. The elders approven especially the magistrates of the town, but the landward elders did not meet so frequently as they should. Thomas Innes, session clerk and maister of the music school, is approven. They have table cloathes and communion cupes.

1665.

May 31st.—William Troup in Elgin, to be summarily excommunicat befor the nixt meeting. He was summoned for the sin of adultery but compeired not. Now he has added to his adulterie the crying sin of murther.

Mr. Samuel Tulloch represents the condition of the inhabitants of Borrowbridges, it not being known to him whether they belong to his congregation or to the charge of Elgin.

September 25th. — The Laird of Innes, patron of Spynie, signifies that he would not consent to have Borrowbridges, which in former times belonged to Spynie, disjoined from it. Mr. Samuel Tulloch, minister at Spynie, was ordained to oversee them and to own them as part of his flock.

December 6th.—William Troup before his relaxation from excommunication is to give security to leave the burgh and parish of Elgin for seven years and to reconcile with the surviving relations of umquhill Alexander Chalmer, killed by the said William Troup.

1666.

January 17th.—William Troup to enter upon his repentance in the kirks of Alves and Duffus in sackcloath. He produces his bond to leave the brugh and parish of Elgin for sevin years upon perrill and penaltie of no lesse then lyffe, fame, fortune, etc. and that to satisfie

what lys in him the freinds of wmquhill Alexander Chalmer and to avoid the occasion of the effusion of blood by him or them.

February 14th.—William Troup since last meeting has in the kirks of Urquhart and Spynie given large evidences with many tears of his humiliation and sorrow and of his hungering desyre to be receaved within the communion of the church. He is to be relaxed in the kirk of Dundorkas after appearing in the kirks of Bellie, Aberlour and Dundorkas.

1667.

March 13th.—Robert Papley, a professed papist and dishanter of ordinances, has taken up residence in the toune of Elgin, wherfor Mr. James Horne, minister of the place, is to conferre with him.

April 17th.—Mr. Horne reports that Robert Paplie declares himself a papist, that he is willing for conference and when by conference he is convinced of his errors then he will frequent ordinances. Mr. James Horne and Mr. Samuel Tulloch are appointed to confer with him.

June 6th.—Robert Paplie, papist, is found verie obstinat in adhering to his erroneous principles and would not be convinced of the samen by clear Scriptur proofes. To be summoned to the presbytery.

October 23rd.—Robert Paplay, painter, has gone to Orkney.

1668.

January 6th.—Robert Papley summoned thrice but compears not. He has returned to Orkney.

July 15th. — John Innes in Blackhills in the parish of Elgin summoned to this meeting (for countercharming by putting a durk betwixt the locke and the barre of the church door while the minister was celebrating his brothers marriage and this to prevent any prejudice might occurre) compeirs not.

August 5th.—John Innes compeirs and admits it was at the desire of the bridegroom, Thomas Innes, he did that charm. Compeired Thomas Innes and confessed that Robert Proctor in Barmuckatie had counselled

him to doe so. Proctor admitted that he spoke of such a thing being used. They were appointed to make their repentance in the kirk of St. Andrews, where the scandal was committed.

1669.

June 2nd.—Robert Papley, papist, having got the third prayer, his process is closed.

1670.

March 9th.—Robert Papley, obstinat papist, to be excommunicat.

March 23rd.—Robert Papley appears desiring a prorogation of his sentence and asks further conference. The meeting decline further conferences (it being now three years since the process began) and if he be not a hearer of the word within a fortnight the sentence will be pronounced against him.

May 11th.—A regrat was made that one, Elizabeth Hamilton, a professed papist residing in the College of Elgin, doeth much evil by traffecking up and down the several parishes endeavouring to seduce the simple ones. Mr. James Horn to confer with her.

July 20th.—A regrat was made by some of the brethren that one, Sir John Byres of Cottis, with his ladie, Dam Lillias Grant, both professed papists, had resided within the toune of Elgin, following their pernicious profession of poprie this tyme bypast to the grief of good Christians and scandall of the gospell. Mr. James Horn and Mr. William Annand to confer with Cottis and his ladie.

August 3rd.—Mr. James Horn and Mr. William Annand report anent conference with Sir John Byres of Cottis and his ladie, who declaired themselves papists as to their principles and that they had no doubt or scruple to be resolved by any minister neither desired to entertain conference to that effect. They are ordained to be summoned to the Session of Elgin.

November 29th.—Sir John Byres and his lady have received the three publick admonitiones.

1671.

February 13th.—A letter from the laird of Cottis that he is willing for conference and to receive information anent our truths and his errors and during that the process to be stopped.

April 26th.—Refers of Synod . . . (2) that Mr. Alexander Symmer, moderator of the exercise of Elgin, and Mr. James Horne require the provost of Elgin to duly observe the Act of the Lords of Privie Counsell against papists Jan. 13, 1670.

August 23rd.—The Lord Bishop and brethren ordained Mr. James Horne to excommunicate Patrick Innes for that dreadfull and hainous sin in murdering Charles Innes, his brother, it being committed within the parish of Elgin. Both are sones to George Innes of Coldcotts.

October 4th.—Refers of the Synod: that the papists within the bounds of the exercise be summoned befoar the Counsell to the first Thursday of Februarie.

1672.

June 12th.—The Lord Bishop being to repair to the South to the Parliament, it is ordained that the brethren *per vices* supplie his absence by preaching one the Tuysdayes in Elgin untill he returne.

July 31st.—Mr. James Horne, minister of Elgin, regrated that Mr. William Dowglas, ane expectant, did without any warrant possess himself on Tuesday of ther pulpit and that in his cloack, Mr. James Hamiltoune, who was appoynted to preach, all that tyme being at his back in his gowne. To be summoned for his inorderlie intrusion.

August 14th.—Mr. William Douglas declared he was impowered to preach in Elgin the 30 July by a line from Mr. William Annan whos vice it was to preach in the Bishops absence. It was found Mr. William Douglas asked Mr. William Annan for libertie and he referred him to Mr. James Hamilton who refused to allow him. The sentence of Mr. William Douglas referred to the Lord Bishop.

October 30th.—Mr. William Douglas is removed from this place of the country.

1673.

January 8th.—Anent John Mackean in Elgin the Lord Bishop and brethren thought fitt that befor his oath were taken as yet he should go to the new church of Elgin the next Lords day and there after sermon receive a word of exhortation and if he stood to a denyall of the sin of adultery that his oath should be taken in the old church of Elgin the Lords day thereafter.

Mr. James Hamilton in the precentors seat did stand up after the first prayer and opened his Bible but it was only to hear the text. Robert Rutherford, late bailie, confessed he then said "Sit down, sir," and to Mr. William Douglas (supposing him to have come there upon an orderly call) "Go on, sir, in your Masters work."

January 29th.—John Mackean has taken the oath of purgation.

November 5th.—Anent John Glass and Anna Stewart, obstinat professors of popery in Elgin, ordained the last presbyterial meeting to be excommunicat, Mr. James Horne reported that on the earnest solicitation of both these persons a moneths intimation was granted and the pronouncing of the sentence was delayed till that time, which by the Bishop and brethren was allowed and the said Mr. James in the meanwhile ordained to be informing himself whether or not this their request be onely a dilator to shift discipline or if there may be any probability of their returning to the profession of the truth.

1674.

April 1st.—Mr. James Horne is ordained to pronounce the dreadful sentence of excommunication against John Glass, butcher in Elgin, and Anna Stewart, spouse to John Sinclare, glover in Elgin, for their obstinacie in the profession of poprie notwithstanding of all the paines taken and means used for the reclaiming of them.

August 12th.—Mr. James Horne regraited to the Lord Bishop and brethren that Mr. James Hamiltowne, preacher of the gospel at Elgin, had uttered upon ane Lords day in the afternoon some expressions which did reflect upon all the brethren in generall als well as himselfe in

particular, to vit, that if ministers wer as diligent in catechizing persones committed to ther chairge and in visiting of families as they ar in fleecing the flockes in tyme of viccarage ther would not be so many ignorant persones as ther ar: or as others say, If ministers in this place, viz. Elgin, wer as diligent etc. The Lord Bishop and brethren thought fitt to continue the businesse till the next presbytery day that said Mr. James Hamiltowne being present might answer for himselfe.

October 7th.—Mr. James Hamilton is sharply rebuked before the presbytery and seriously and gravely admonished for his imprudent speeches.

1675.

July 13th.—Visitation of Elgin. The minister being inquired if ther were communion tables, cloathes, cups, basins and lawar, he answered they had only table cloathes, basins and a lawar. Mr. John Wilsone, schoolmaster of the Latin school, and Thomas Innes, schoolmaster of the English school and session clerk, approven. It being regraited by Mr. James Horne that there were many dishaunters of ordinances and habituall frequenters of the meetings of schismaticall teachers, it was appointed by the Lord Bishop and brethren (that evill being universall) that some common course might be taken for preventing of the samen in tym comming. Lists to be given in.

August 18th.—George Cumming, provest of Elgin, has fallen in fornication with Janet Mitchell and refuses to satisfy the discipline while in office. The Lord Bishop and brethren thought fitt that if some short piece of tyme might bring him to a complyance with and submission to discipline the same should be indulgit him.

September 22nd.—The Lord Bishop and brethren finding that George Cumming his craving of a respyte and a whiles continuance from making public profession of his repentance was nothing else but a shifting and a dilatour, wherfor Mr. James Horne was ordained to summond him to the Session of Elgine.

October 6th.—Mr. James Horne reported that as yet he had not summoned George Cuming, provost, on some grave considerations but should be carefull to doe it befor the nixt day.

1676.

November 1st.—The exercise continued this day by reasone of the meeting of deane and chapter for the electione of the Bishope.

1677.

October 31st.—The minister of Belly gave in ane letter be Mr. Walter Darge concerning the alleadged marriage of Catherane Sutherland and Keneth McKenzie, wherein the said Mr. Walter Darge declaired that they came to him seeking marriage and that he refused them, but the said Keneth McKenzie and Catherane Sutherland declared that the said Mr. Walter did marrie them in his owne barn, wherupon the saids Keneth McKenzie and Catherane Sutherland are referred back to the Session of Elgin to satisfie for their pretended scandalous marriage.

November 21st. — The minister of Elgin reported that Keneth McKenzie being imprysoned by the magistrates of Elgin untill he should set surtie to satisfie the discipline of the Session of Elgin for his scandalous marriage had broken ward and made his escape. [Catherine Sutherland's husband is still alive and she has obtained no divorce against him. She satisfies in sackcloth for her alleged marriage.]

1680.

December 29th. — The Bishop reported that he had revised the process of excommunication against Keneth McKenzie and Catherine Sutherland and that he intended to write to the Archbishop of St. Andrews and to the Bishop of Edinburgh to seek their advise theranent.

1685.

January 6th.—Visitation of Elgin. The church hath all its proper utensils as tables, cups, basons and table cloathes, and the church is repairing with seats and desks.

The next meeting appointed to be at Spynie this day 20 dayes but the Lords of Counsell and Justiciarie being for the tyme sitting at Elgin and all the brethren being obleidged to attend ther, the meeting for the visitation of the church of Spynie was appointed to be the 4th of March.

1687.

February 23rd.—Although the exerciser and bretheren were present yet they judged it convenient to continue the exercise because of the great confluence of people that was in the town, the magistrats having casten Fastens Eves fair to this day, the bretheren nothing suspecting this at the last dyet of the exercise.

[Minutes from September 20th, 1688, to July 1st, 1702, are wanting.]

1708.

June 24th.—The ministers of Elgin having applied to the Justices of Peace for punishment of Jean Paris as a most profligate, scandalous, vitious vagrant, the Justices caused her to be sett on the cockstool where she stood between the hours of 11 and 1, was also then put out of the town of Elgin by tuck of drum and banished the province of Murray.

Isobell Leslie, daughter of the deceased Mr. John Leslie, late minister at Rothes, confessed that Mr. Thomas Cravey, present minister of the meeting house at Elgin, was father of her child. He denied and fled from the discipline of the church.

1710.

June 20th.—Mr. King, the clerk, has gone to the wells of Peterhead.

1713.

January 6th.—No presbyterial exercise, only Mr. Thomson preached, it being the day of their weekly lecture at Elgin.

1716.

September 11th.—Representation to the Commissioners for overseeing the election of a magistracy and Town Council in Elgin:—We, the ministers of the Presbytery of Elgin, finding ourselves aggrieved by a magistracy in this place disaffected to His Majesty King George and his government, that it has been a mean not only to doe hurt to this place but of a pernicious influence upon all the country about and an hindrance to our obtaining our just rights as a presbytrie, we thought it our duty to represent to you that the whole of the present magistracy and Town Council of Elgin were chosen under the influence of the rebels that very day in which they proclaimed the Pretender in this place as King of Great Brittain, which was countenanced so farr as that the provost and others of the magistrates were present at the proclamation and drank what was counted the health of the day, and all the particular persons following either waited upon the public worship where the Pretender was prayed for under the name of King James, or were present at the proclamation of the Pretender as King of Great Brittain, or both, viz. Mr. Archibald Dunbar of Thoundertoun, provost, James Wiseman, bailife, James Charles, bailife, Kenneth McKenzie, late bailife, John Gordon, merchant in Elgin, George Innes of Dunkintie, Doctor Russell, Andrew Dick, conveener, James Finlay, tayleour. And this in our name and at our appointment subscribed by Robert Bates moderator.

1724.

October 20th.—A reference was read to the presbytery from the Session of Elgin anent Agnes Urquhart, who has confessed herself guilty of charming by making use of the Bible and key for finding out things that were stollen, which she has done frequently and also taught her daughter the said art: all which she owned herself guilty of before the forsaid session. She compears not.

1725.

June 15th.—Agnes Urquhart, charmer, confesses. To be publickly rebuked before the congregation of Elgin.

1730.

January 6th.—Parochial Visitation of Elgin. Mr. Joseph Sanderson, minister at Elgin, preached on his ordinary, Gal. 2, 20. The magistrates, heritors, elders and heads of families within the parish of Elgin being thrice called at the church door, compeared James Anderson, provest of Elgin, Joseph Brodie of Miltown, John Sutherland of Greenhall, and several other heritors, as also Charles Gordon, James Cramond, Robert Duff and George Wilson, present baillies, Thomas Purse, treasurer, with the elders and a good number of heads of families. Mr. Sanderson being enquired who were his elders answered Joseph Brodie, Laird of Miltown, Baillie James Cramond, Baillie Robert Duff, Baillie George Wilson, Thomas Purse, treasurer, James McKean, John Sanders, William Blenshell, Robert Walker, James Urquhart, George Allan (these all present) and James Alves, absent. Mr. Anderson was also enquired if the people of Elgin had a lecture and sermon every Lord's day in the forenoon and a sermon in the afternoon and another on the Tuesday, and he answered they had so. Then he was asked if he visited the families and examined the parochiners of Elgin every year. He answered that the people of that parish were so numerous that for some years bypast the minister of Elgin had not been able to overtake visiting the families, but that such as would attend had been examined and that he visited the sick to the utmost of his ability. As to the frequencie in administration of the Lord's Supper he said it was administered the year before the last and had only been ommitted last year because of the vacancie. Being interrogat anent the people's subjection to his ministry and their due attendance upon ordinances, he answered there were in Elgin a good many persons of several different persuasions who did not attend the ordinances as dispensed by the ministers of this Church, and there was a meeting house erected not far from the church and frequented by many persons in Elgin, but that the people disaffected to this Church were not at present increasing in number; and as to those that are of our communion he said they attended ordinances punctually and were every way subject to his ministry. Then Mr. Sanderson removed. The magistrates, heritors, elders and several heads of families being interrogat concerning his

doctrine, discipline and ministerial conversation, as also concerning his diligence and painfullness in his ministerial work, they all gave a good report of him as one fit for the charge he bears, his doctrine edifying, his discipline impartial, his life exemplary and his diligence according to his strength and ability. The presbytery did approve of him and the moderator was appointed to encourage him in the Lord, and he being called in it was done accordingly. The ordinary questions anent the life and conversation of the elders and harmony and impartiality in the execution of discipline were enquired at the minister and parochiners of Elgin separately, and they having spoke well of them as to these particulars, they were interrogat next if they had the worship of God in their families, the minister answered that he was sure that the most part of them had the worship of God in their families and that he did believe that the whole of them had so. The presbytery did approve and appoint as above, and they being called in it was done accordingly. In like manner the ordinary questions anent the precentor and session clerk and kirk officers being interrogat, the minister and people of Elgin did approve of them as the presbytery also did, and they being called in were exhorted to be circumspect in their lives and dutifull in their several callings. Then the presbytery came to enquire anent their mortifications and found they had (1) a mortification by the late John Innes of Darkland, being a part of the Shooting Acres, which was farmed out and did amount *communibus annis* to 52 or 53 pounds Scots money; (2) another by the said John Innes, being the interest of 1000 merks money forsaid; these two mortifications for the use of the poor; (3) another by the late Revd. Mr. James Thomson, minister at Elgin, being the interest of 600 merks money forsaid of principal piouslie given by the forsaid doner for buying bibles to poor children; (4) Robert Gordon, late merchant in Elgin, mortified the yearly interest of 1000 merks for relief of poor persons aged above 70 years; (5) the late William Duff of Dipple and Bracco mortified 1000 pounds Scots, the annual rent thereof to be paid and divided by his successors to the poor living in his estate within the parishes of Elgin and Spynie, and his successors to be discharged by the Kirk Session of Elgin; (6) Alexander Dick, late glover in Elgin, mortified 100 merks, the interest thereof for the use of the poor. Then the presbytery came to enquire anent church utensils and they found they had two communion cups of silver, four

basons besides one for baptism, a communion table with cloth and seats conform. Registers approved, except act August 9, 1726, anent delinquents, and a minute June 27, 1729.

October 19th.—The ministers of Elgin are much discommoded by their wanting houses but the presbytery do not incline to proceed in this affair at present.

1734.

May 9th.—The edict for the admission of Mr. Lauchlan Shaw to be minister at Elgin having been returned duely execute, the sermon was preached by Mr. James Dunbar from Acts chap. 16 v. 9, after which he was admitted in the usuall manner and welcomed to the presbyterie by the moderator and other members.

November 19th.—Moderation of a call at Elgin. Call to Mr. Alexander Howie, minister at Methlic, signed by 168 persons, also signed for 88 who could not write. Call to Mr. Alexander Irvine, minister at Oldearn, signed by 213 persons, also signed for 168 who could not write. Petition given in signed by Alexander Dick and several of the Trades of Elgin, craving that Mr. Irvine's call be rejected in regard he was of a weak constitution and they could not hear his voice in the farest corners of the big church of Elgin and because of the meanness of the subscribers of the said call.

December 13th.—Duncan McGregor, reputed charmer, compeared and adhered to his confession anent the manner of curing the fevers. The presbytery having dealt with him to convince him of the evil of this practice and he having professed himself sorrowful for it and promising through the grace of God never to do the like in time coming, he was reproved and dismissed.

1735.

January 16th.—Petition by several heritors that the presbytery concur in petitioning the Barons of Exchequer for a gift of the vacant stipends of Elgin to be applied towards the maintenance of a schoolmaster or schoolmasters in the most distant extremities of that parish

and for cieling the church of Elgin and building a steeple thereon. The presbytery concur.

Evidence taken as to hearing Mr. Irvine from some in Glovers' loft, Shoemakers' loft, Weavers' loft, Wrights' loft (in west end of the church), Lord Duffus' loft (opposite the pulpit), Guildry loft, Merchants' loft, Earl of Murray's loft, and the common loft. Most of Mr. Irvine's supporters deponed that they were not 'thick' of hearing and heard him fairly well. Mr. Howie's supporters did not hear him well. The opponents of Mr. Irvine urged undue influence brought to bear upon Braco's tenants of Pluscarden, Milntown and Mostowie, as also upon Blackhills' tenants. The presbytery depart from further proof anent Mr. Irvine's lowness of voice, he having been heard by them having been licensed by them. The presbytery take no proof anent undue influence, that being appealed to the Synod. Mr. Howie's party appeal to the Synod on the whole case.

February 7th.—Subscribers to Mr. Irvine's call are country and College elders 14, holding feus and crofts of the town 21, elders 8 with the colleague minister, and 309 heads of families of which about 20 heads of families attend the meeting house. Subscribers to Mr. Howie's call are elders 8, heritors and magistrates 15, heads of families 246 of which about 20 heads of families attend the meeting house. The presbytery voted to concur with the call of Mr. Irvine. Mr. Howie's supporters appeal to the Synod.

March 11th.—Mr. Howie's supporters in their reasons of appeal urge that not one-eighth part of the country part of the parish attend worship at Elgin, "the rest we are sorry to have to say attend nowhere or go to other congregations by reason of the great distance from Elgin."

June 3rd.—No presbyterial exercise by reason of a public fair in the town.

The late General Assembly has affirmed the sentence of the presbytery anent the call to Mr. Irvine.

August 5th.—List of papists . . . in town and parish of Elgin, Janet Grant, an unmarried woman; Jean Stuart, spouse to James Gordon, merchant in Elgin, Margaret Gordon, his daughter; John Smith, blacksmith in the College of Elgin, Alexander, his son; and Thomas Forbes, merchant in Elgin.

1736.

February 3rd.—Extract submitted of a commission from the Committee for managing the King's Bounty to Mr. John Touch, probationer, appointing him to be itinerant preacher in the Glen of Pluscarden from 1st January last to 1st May next. The presbytery enjoin him to preach, catechize and visit families and the sick, also warmly to enjoin heads of families to have family worship, and to take particular pains to instruct the more ignorant, to exhort them to sanctify the Lord's day, to attend public worship, etc.

1739.

June 26th.—Royal Bounty Committee appoint Mr. William Irvine, probationer, to be itinerant at Pluscarden in place of Mr. Touch.

1741.

February 24th. — A committee report that, though there are no vestiges of manses in the town or parish of Elgin, there is ground within the town allotted for building upon and also a garden for which a tenant pays them a small yearly rent. Workmen estimate £1682 Scots as cost of a manse for one of the ministers, 36 ft. by 15 ft., three stories and a garret in height, slated, containing a kitchen and a cellar below, with garden dykes, also a small house to accommodate two cows and a horse, and another for a barn.

April 14th.—The presbytery give decreet for the aforesaid manse.

August 4th.—Royal Bounty Committee have appointed Mr. Robert Dalrymple to be itinerant at Pluscarden for four months and in Dundurcus for the rest of the year at a salary of £10 stg.

1742.

January 12th.—Stent of £1000 Scots for the manse of Elgin:—Lord Braco for his lands in the parish, £500; Newmiln for the Bishop of Ross's lands and Subchanter's croft, £31 18s.; John Sinclair for Moy

croft, £1 16s. 10d.; Provost Anderson for the Subdean's croft, £1 14s. 4d.; Mr. Paterson for Dipple croft, £1 2s. 2d.; Burgy for Dean's Crook, £2 10s.; Greenhall for Blackfryar haugh, £10 3s. 6d., etc., landward in all £778 12s.: heritors of the town's lands in all £221 8s.:—Earl of Moray for Davila Green and Kilncruik, Clerk Fraser for Palmerbutts, Officerridge, one third Croft Croy; etc.

1743.

September 20th.—Mr. Francis Hasbeen is appointed to supply as itinerant preacher in Glen of Pluscarden at a salary of £10 a year from the Royal Bounty Committee. It is recommended to the ministers of Elgin to give some further allowance.

1746.

February 18th.—The presbyterie met after prayer, sederunt only Mrs. Paterson, Irvine and Shaw. The rest of the members could not venture to come to Elgin by reason of the great number of rebells by the way. The members present prayed. They adjourned to the 4th of March.

March 4th.—Four members only present. No business.

March 18th.—Four only present for reason abovenamed.

April 17th—No meeting could be held on first Tuesday of April by reason of the great number of rebells in the town of Elgin. Absents from meetings of the presbytery since January 21st are excused because of the circumstances of the time, when the rebels were numerous in the country.

July 15th.—Visitation of Elgin. The ministers report that there is a considerable number of persons who do not attend the ordinances dispensed by ministers of this church, and that there is a meeting house in the town of Elgin which a considerable number of the parishioners frequent; that those of our communion duly attend ordinances and are very subject to their ministry. The ministers are informed all the elders keep family worship. There are 11 elders in the town, including Joseph Brodie of Miltown, Bailies Duff, Allan, etc., and 9 in landward. The ministers preach twice on the Lord's Day, and on Tuesday.

The Lord's Supper is administered yearly. List of Mortifications: [(1) to (6) as at January 6, 1730]; (7) £300 Sc. of the Session money; (8) 500 merks mortified by Bailie Cramond; (9) £100 Sc. by John Sanders; (10) 500 merks by James McEan (not yet recovered). There are 2 communion cups of silver, 4 basons, 1 bason for baptism, a communion table with cloath and seats conform.

1763.

February 1st.—A petition to the presbytery from the ministers of Elgin, representing that there is no manse, and asking steps to be taken.

March 1st.—Visitation relating to a manse at Elgin. Francis Stuart, for the Earl of Fife, protests against proceeding to design a manse in a burgh. Other heritors adhere. They have never had a manse. The presbytery resolve to apply to the Court of Session to have a manse built.

July 5th.—The glebe of Elgin is now in possession of Mr. David Rintoul, one of the ministers. The glebe is a triangular plot of land marched at the west corner by a road close by the garden walls of the town, at the north by the top of the brae or bank next to what is called the Little Glebe belonging to Dunkinty, at south by a footpath or road on the edge of the corn land at some distance from the garden walls of the town and college, and at the east by a dyke or wall of dry stones built upon a merine between the glebe and Dunkinty's land of Harvey's haugh.

1764.

May 27th.—The presbytery finding there is to the north of the High Church of Elgin ground on which the minister's manse formerly stood and likewise a garden, did agree on the following dimensions for a manse, 47 ft. by 18½ and 23 ft. high, and an office house for one horse and two cows and barn, said office houses to be thatched only with divot. The estimates of workmen amount to £336 Stg. The presbytery give decreet for this.

1765.

April 8th. — The commissioners to the General Assembly are to represent the necessity of continuing Mr. Francis Hasbeen in the Glen of Pluscardin, as (1) there are of late some papists come to reside in that glen, (2) Francis Hasbeen's long service challenges his being provided for in his old age (he requires a horse now), and (3) one of the ministers of Elgin is now quite unfit for travelling.

Application to be made to the General Assembly for help out of the publick funds, as there is likely to be great opposition, the 80 heritors all opposing. There has been no manse in Elgin since some time before the Revolution, when the former manse was burnt. The stipend of each minister of Elgin is only £69 8s. 10d. Stg.

1773.

July 6th.—Royal presentation in favour of Mr. William Peterkin to Elgin as assistant and successor to Mr. Lachlan Shaw. Mr. Patrick Duff, writer, Elgin, and others protest and appeal to the Synod of Moray.

1774.

April 5th.—Mr. Lachlan Shaw demits his charge. New presentation in favour of Mr. William Peterkin.

May 12th.—Persons concurring in Mr. Peterkin's presentation 285, dissenting 31 (including Mr. Rintoul, minister). The presbytery refer the whole matter to the ensuing General Assembly.

July 14th.—Mr. William Peterkin ordained and admitted.

1798.

May 8th.—The presbytery write Rev. Mr. Ronald Bayne, chaplain to his Majesty's 73rd Regiment, asking on what footing the new chapel for which he is collecting subscriptions is to be erected, and if in connection with the Establishment they have a right to be informed of its design. The presbytery have also a right to see that the money bequeathed to

the Little Kirk Society is applied to the purpose for which it was originally designed. He replies by bearer that the money is collected in name of the Managers of the Chapel, who will reply as to the design. The presbytery consider the letter unsatisfactory and request a reply from the Managers.

June 18th.—The Managers of the Little Kirk inform the presbytery they design the chapel now building, not as a dissenting meeting house, but as a Chapel of Ease connected with the Established Church. It is replied on 21st June that, if so, the sanction of the Church is necessary in terms of Act of Assembly 1798.

December 4th.—The presbytery resolve to obtain the opinion of the Procurator as to their powers over the Little Kirk and its mortifications.

1799.

April 5th.—A memorial is sent to the Procurator. (Herein it is stated that the parish of Elgin is a collegiate charge and served by two ministers in every respect upon an equal footing. On Mr. Peterkin's appointment in 1774 there was much opposition, which opposition Rev. David Rintoul joined and encouraged. The dissentients got a preacher and the use of the Little Kirk, a chapel belonging to the town where public worship used to be on week days. The congregation increased. They elected managers. Rev. Mr. Rintoul left £100 Stg. to them. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was never given in the Little Kirk. The preacher of the Little Kirk has for years assisted at the Sacrament in the parish church. The collections for the poor in the Little Kirk are under the management of the Kirk Session). The Procurator thinks the presbytery should not have winked at the meeting so long but should now bring it before the General Assembly.

April 30th.—The Managers of the Little Kirk petition the presbytery that all the ordinances of religion be administered in their lately built chapel. The Little Kirk was ruinous but the petitioners had no power to pull it down or repair it. For 24 or 25 years the petitioners have been recognised by the presbytery as a congregation in connection with the Church of Scotland. The presbytery delay their deliverance until the General Assembly has given its judgment, and meantime interdict

them from employing any clergymen of the Established Church to perform any ministerial function in the new Chapel.

May 7th.—The Managers remonstrate against the interdict. £280 Stg. has been bequeathed in all to the Little Kirk. The parish of Elgin contains in town and country 4500 souls, of whom about 700 are dissenters as Seceders, Episcopalians, Methodists and Roman Catholics, and 500 others are in the Glen of Pluscarden, having an ordained missionary; therefore about 3300, young and old, in the parish church, and the church can accommodate 2000 at once easily.

July 2nd.—The General Assembly remit to the presbytery of Elgin to proceed according to the Act of Assembly 1798 respecting the erection of Chapels of Ease. The Managers represent to the presbytery that by the *Statistical Account* the population of the parish is about 5000 and in the Big Church only 1155 can be accommodated. Now the parish church should accommodate two-thirds of the people of the parish of whatever religious denomination. Sums left to the Little Kirk: 1781, Mr. Joseph Gordon, Bath, £100; 1780 or 1781, Mrs. Helen Rintoul, widow of Mr. David Rintoul, minister of the gospel in Elgin, bequeathed £5 of a yearly annuity and in 1787 made a grant of £100; 1793, Alexander Brander of Kinedward, merchant in London, legated £50; and in 1794 John Petrie, merchant, left £20.

1800.

April 1st. — A paper is submitted by the Managers, which the presbytery call scurrilous. A petition by county parishioners is submitted, the number of subcribers and their families being 473.

April 29th.—The presbytery decide that a Chapel of Ease in Elgin is at present unnecessary and inexpedient. The Managers appeal to the General Assembly. [On May 26th the General Assembly affirm the judgment of the presbytery].

THE CHURCH.

LIST OF MINISTERS.

1563. Robert Pont, Commissioner of Moray.
1566. Alexander Winchester.
1574. George Douglas, Bishop of Moray; died 28th December, 1589.
1581. Alexander Douglas, M.A., son of Mr. Alexander Douglas, provost of Elgin, translated from Keith; Bishop of Moray, 1606; died 11th May, 1623.
1623. John Guthrie, M.A., Bishop of Moray, promoted from Edinburgh; deposed, 1638.
1640. Gilbert Ross, M.A., translated from Colmonell and admitted 24th September; died 13th August, 1644.
1645. Murdoch McKenzie, M.A., translated from Inverness and admitted 17th April; Bishop of Moray, 1662; translated to Orkney, 1677.
1677. James Atkins, D.D., Bishop of Moray; translated to Galloway, 1680.
1680. Colin Falconer, M.A., Bishop of Moray; translated from Argyll; died 11th November, 1686.
1687. Alexander Rose, D.D., Bishop of Moray; translated to Edinburgh, 1688.
1687. John Stewart, M.A.; translated to Urquhart (Elgin), 1691.
1688. William Hay, D.D., Bishop of Moray; deprived, 1689.
1691-6. Charge vacant.
1696. Robert Langlands, translated from Glasgow (Barony) and admitted 21st June; died 12th August, 1696.
1696. James Thomson, M.A., from junior charge; died 1st June, 1726.

1726. Charles Primrose, M.A., from junior charge; translated to Crichton, 11th March, 1729.
1729. Joseph Sanderson, from junior charge; died 15th July, 1733.
1733. James Winchester, from junior charge; translated to Jedburgh, 10th April, 1734.
1734. Lachlan Shaw, translated from Cawdor and admitted 9th May; resigned, 1774; died 23rd February, 1777.
1774. David Rintoul, from junior charge; died 26th October, 1778.
1778. William Peterkin, M.A., from junior charge; died 8th January, 1788.
1788. William Gordon, M.A., from junior charge; died 19th September, 1837.

JUNIOR CHARGE.

This charge was erected in 1606. After the Revolution, the minister of this charge, on a vacancy occurring in the other charge, became minister of the senior charge without any process of admission.

1606. William Clogie, M.A.; translated to Inveraven before 1607.
1607. David Philp, M.A.; died 11th September, 1632.
1633. John Gordon, M.A., D.D., translated from Kinedar and admitted 31st March; deposed, 1639.
1639-45. Charge vacant.
1645. Thomas Law, M.A., translated from Boharm and admitted 28th August; died 1st September, 1657.
1659. James Horne, M.A., translated from Bellie and admitted 28th July; resigned, 1682.
1682. Alexander Tod, M.A., translated from Lhanbryd and admitted 11th July; deprived, 1689.
1689-96. Charge vacant.
1696. James Thomson, M.A., translated from Colinton and admitted 21st June; became senior minister, 1696.
1696-1701. Charge vacant.
1701. Alexander King, translated from Bonhill and admitted 27th April; died 22nd December, 1715.
1717. Charles Primrose, M.A., translated from Forres and admitted 7th May; became senior minister, 1726.

1727. Joseph Sanderson, translated from Alves and admitted 2nd May; became senior minister, 1729.

1730. James Winchester, translated from Auldearn and admitted 5th May; became senior minister, 1733.

1735. Alexander Irvine, translated from Auldearn and admitted 12th August; died 22nd December, 1758.

1759. David Rintoul, translated from Kirkcaldy and admitted 28th September; became senior minister, 1774.

1774. William Peterkin, M.A., ordained 14th July; became senior minister, 1778.

1779. James Hay, D.D., translated from Dyce and admitted 8th July; died 22nd January, 1784.

1784. William Gordon, M.A., admitted 26th August; became senior minister, 1788.

1788. John Grant, translated from Boharm and admitted 14th October; died 22nd October, 1814.

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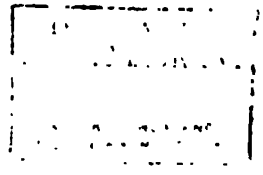

THE SCHOOL.

EXTRACTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES.—EXTRACTS FROM PRESBYTERY RECORDS.—

LIST OF SCHOOLMASTERS.

THE SCHOOL.

EXTRACTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES.

Several of the contracts between the Town Council and the masters of the Grammar School and of the Sang School have been preserved, and supply information regarding the succession of the teachers and the state of education in the burgh for a period in which the Town Council Minutes are wanting. Extracts from some of these contracts follow.

1566, September 10th.—*Contract betwixt the Magistrates and Town Council of Elgin and the master of the Grammar School.*—At Elgin the tent day of September the yeir of God I^{M} V^{C} sextie sex zeirs it is . . . agreit betwix the parties following viz. the provest balzies and consall in name off themselfis and for the rest of the communitie of the bur^{t} off Elgin on the tane part and Maister Patrick Balfour sone to umquhill Patrick Balfour of Oldmyll somtyme student in Santtandrows on the wther part that is to say the said Maister Patrick Balfour is become faythfullie obliest . . . to teche instruct and learn the bairns burgesses sonnes and uthers inhabitantes sonnes within this bur^{t} off Elgin and uthers gentillmenis bairns off the countrie that pleisses to send them to the bur^{t} w^{t}in the grammer scuill therof sufficientlie in grammer oratorie and poetrie civill manneris rhetoric and as neid sall requir and thai cummand to perfectioune sall reid and teiche Greik and Ebrew philosophie and logik and that for the space of thrie zeirs nixt followand the feist off Mertinmess the zeir of God forsaid and to continue and induir in teching reiding instructing and upbringing off the saidis bairns in the artis above wrettin so far as thay or ony of them ar abill to ressaive and sall enteir in the said scuill daylie at sex hours and remain techand the saidis bairns quhill nyne hours and fra ten hours till twelff hours and fra ane efternowne till sex hours at ewin and gair the bairns ilk Sonday and uther festual tymes appointed be the kirk to be present at the sermone and efternownes prayris being instructit in the catechess for making answer to the minister that preches of the said catechess and the said Maister Patrick sall uss nor accept na burden of ministrie nor ony uther occupation upon him induring the said space bot only to awaitt upon the said grammer scuill teching and instructing the said

bairns and his awin studies theranent for the quhilk the saidis provest bailzies and consall oblisses them and their successors to content and pay to the said Maister Patrick Balfour the sowm of ten pundis usuall money of Scotland for his fie together with his meit honestly as effeirs in thir persones howssis following viz. Maister Alexander Douglass, Johne Annand, William Gatherar, William Hay, Alexander Winchester minister, Thomas Umfra and Alexander Gotheray ane day in the week in ilk ane off the saids persones howsses and swa weklie for the space of ane zeir In witness of the quhilks both the saids parties hes subscryvit this present contract with thair hands day zeir and place forsaid befor these witnesses Sir William Douglas scribe of consistorie and Jhon Cupar indwellar within the College of the Cathedrall kirk of Murray and George Dowglass student in Elgin with uthers divers.

(Signed) John Annand provest of Elgin wt my hand.
Maister Patrick Balfour wt my hand.

1582, June 21st.—*Contract betuixt the Toune of Elgin and the maister of the Gramer Schooll of Banffe.*—At Elgin the xxi day of Junij the zeir of God IM VC fourscoir twa zeris it is . . . agreit betuix Johne Annand provest of Elgin, William Haye, Thomas Young, William Gibsoun, John Rutherfurd balzeis of the samyn for thame selfis and takand the burdin in and vpone thame of the remanent burgesses and freemen of the said brut on the ane part and Maistir Thomas Mogg mastir of the grammer schuill of Banff for the tym on the vther part in maner forme and effect as eftir followis that is to saye The said Mastir Thomas Moigg oblissis himself be the faith and treuth in his bodye to serve the cuir of the mastir of the grammer schuill of the said brut for the space of ane zeir nixt efter the twenty daye of July nixtocum and do his exact diligens for instructioun and vpbringing of the zouth within the said brut and students vnder his cuir sa far as God hes grantit him grace to do and thame to ressawe at his hand and sall awayt diligentlye vpoun the said cuir as utheris mastirs of scholis dois within this realm and exoner his consciens thairanent and sall nocht induring the said tym remove to ony vther place bot quhair he sall hawe to do without licence of the provest and balzeis of the said brut had and obtenit thairanent and sall except na vther cuir vpoun him during the said space by consent of the said provest and balzeis and thair successors for the quhilks premissis to be doun be the said Mastir Thomas Moig the said provest and balzeis . . . oblissis tham . . . to content and thankfully pay to the said Mr. Thomas Moig the sovm of twentye pundis money of this realme at twa termis in the zeir beginnand the first termis payment at Mertimes nixtocum for the payment of ten pundis money and the vther ten pundis money to be payit at the feist of Witsonday nixt thereftir in the zeir of God IM VC fourscoir thre zeris and sall furniss the said Mr. Thomas honestly in his ordinar twys in the day to wit at noone and ewin with Jhon Annand provest of Elgen togidder with entres silvir casualites candill or candill silvir and change of buik silvir alswell off fremen sonnis and onfremens sonnis and all vther dewates vsit and vonit except the scollege silvir of fremens sonnis allanerlye during the space above mentionat As to vther mastirs of grammer schuill wreitting and

reding nane to have place within the jurisdiction of the said provest and balzeis except the said Mr. Thomas allanerlye And in caice of his inlaik of ordinar or ordinaris daylie as said is the saids provest and balzeis and ther successoris to content and paye the sovm of thre shillings iiii^{d} money forsaid as the said Mr. Thomas Moig sall mak notefeit to the said provest and balzeis and thair successors and burden his consciens thervpoun . . . that dew advertisment of removing of ayther of the parties forsaidis from the vther salbe mad vpoun the premonitioun and varning of ane half zeir befor the term of removing . . . In witness . . . befor thir witnesses Sir Jhone Gibsone persoun of Wnthank, Master Henrie Thorntoun, Jhone Innes of Reidhall and Alex^{r} Gibsone [sone] to the said Sir Jhone Gibsoun.

1595.—*Contract betuix the Toune of Elgin and William Fraser.*—At Elgin the day of yeir of God I^{M} V^{C} fourscoir fywetein yeiris it is . . . agreit betuix ane noble and potent lord Alexander Lord of Wrquhart prouest of Elgin, Thomas Hay, James Ogilbye, Wm. Young, Alex^{r} Pringill, bailzeis of the samyne, Mr. Alex^{r} Douglas, John Annand of Morrestoun, James Douglas, Wm. Gibsoun of Sherefmilne, Mr. James Gardin, Alex^{r} Annand, Alex^{r} Boynd, Dauid Torrye, persouns of the consall . . . on the ane pairt and William Fraser now in Tayne and maister of the Sang Schuill therof on the vther pairt . . . the said Wm. Fraser is becum oblissit . . . that he sall God willing enter within the bru^{t} of Elgin betuix the dait heirof and the feist of Michaelmes nixtocum and . . . acceptis vpoun him the cuir functioun and office of ane maister of Sang Schuill to instruct and vpbring the youth of the said bru^{t} in the art and sciens of musick so far as God has grantit him grace to declair to thame and they to ressaue the samyn and to await vpoun the said cuir diligentlye at all tymes and houris convenient according to the prescryvit rewle wsit be all maisteris of musick in all tymes bygane and that frelie bot any payment of scolledg siluer to be payit be burgessis and friemenis sonnis within the said bru^{t} except thair entres siluer and vtheris casualiteis wsit and wount at ony tyme induring his seruice quha sall induir and remaine for the space of ane yeir nixt efter his entrie thairto quhilk salbe at the feist of Michaelmes nixtocum and fra thyn furth fra yeir to yeir induring all the dayis of the said Wm. Fraseris lyftyme at the leist so lang as the saidis prouest and balzeis findis him diligentlye awyting by his said cuir . . . and forder the said Wm. Fraser bindis and oblissis him faythfullie that he sall ilk Sonday and preching day within the paroche kirk of Elgin and alsua at prayar tyme daylie eftir and afoir noyn be himselff and his scollairis or vther sum sufficient man deput be him in caice of his absens vpoun necessar occasionis vptak the psalme befoir and efter preching ordinarlye at tymes wsit and wount and siclyk bindis and oblissis him to accept the office and functioun of the preceptorie of Mausendew conforme to the prouest and bailzeis presentatioun to be giffin him . . . for the quhilkis premissis the saidis prouest bailzeis and consall . . . to content and pay to the said Wm. Fraser the sowme of fourscoir pundis . . . In witness . . . befoir thir witnesses Mr. Wm. Clerk master of the grammer scoll of Elgin, Mr. Alex^{r} Rawsone persone of Spynie, and Wm. Douglas vicar of Elgin.

1597, September 14th.—There is an imperfect extract from the Books of the Commissar of Moray of a contract "at Elgin the fourteint day of September yeir of God I^M V^C fourscoir and sewintein" between the Town Council and "George Douglas sone laufull to Archie Douglas meason in the ald toun of Aberdeen," whereby he accepts "the charge functioun and office of maister of Sang Schoill to instruct and vpbring the zowthe of the said burgh of Elgin committit to his charge in art and science of musick teching and lerning of the said yowth to play vpoun all musicall instrumentis speciallie virginallis monicordis luit seister and wtheris the lyk instrumentis and to reid and wreit and nortour thame with maneris and curtasie," with other clauses regarding the uptaking of the psalm in the church and the gift of the preceptory of Maisondieu apparently the same as in the contract with him in 1603.

1603, November 9th.—*Contract Toune off Elgin and George Douglas.*—At Elgin the nynt day of Nouember the yeir of God ane thowsand sex hundreth and thrie it is . . . agreit betuix honorabill pairteis to wit Wm. Young, Mr. James Gardyne, James Petrie, Johne Bonyman, bailzeis . . . on the ane pairt and George Douglas sone and air to Archibald Douglas meason in the auld toun of Aberdeen on the wther pairt . . . the said George Douglas . . . acceptis the charges burding functionis cuir and offices of ane maister baithe of the Sang Scooll and Gramer Scooll to instruct and wpbring the youthe of the said brut of Elgin committit to his cherge in the airt and science of music teitching and leirning of the said youthe to play wpone all musicall instrumentis and speciallie wirginallis monicordis luit seister and wther the lyk musicall instrumentis and to reid and wreit to nortur them with maners and curtasie as afferis and becumis the youthe to be wpbrocht and instructit and siclyk to instruct and wpbring the forsaid youth . . . in thair gramar and literature . . . quhilk the said George faythfully bindis and oblissis him to do sa far as God hes grantit him grace and knavlege to declair and schav wnto them and they to resave the samen at his handis and siclyk oblissis him to avayt wpone the saidis offices diligently at all houris and tymes convenient as becumeth ane maister of scooll to do alsweill quhan they salbe exercesit in ther lawfull pastemis and playing wpone lawfull and convenient playdayes as at the tyme of ther studie and leirning and that freilie but payment of ony scollege silwer to be payit to him be burges and friemens sones within the said brut except ther entres silwer and wtheris causualiteis wsit and wont . . . induring his said seruice . . . for the space of thrie yeiris nixt immediatlie following the said George his entrie to the said offices . . . quhilk salbe and begin at the term and feist of Witsonday nixt to cum in the yeir of God ane thowsand sex hundrethe and four yeiris . . . and forder fra thyne furth sa lang as the saidis provest and bailzeis and ther successoris findis the said George diligently avating wpone the saidis offices and honestly faythfullie and trewly discherging his devtie therinto . . . the said George oblissis him that he sall nather accept ony wther cherge nor cuir during the said space nor be fund negligent therinto on any pairt nayther absent himself out of the said brut nor grant play to his scolleris wpone onlawfull dayis without the speciall licence of the said provest and bailzeis first haid and obtenit therinto wtherwayis it salbe lesum to the saidis provest and bailzeis wpone the premonitioun of ane half yeir befor to discherge the said

George of the saidis offices . . . lykas it salbe lesum to the said George wpone the premonitioun of ane half yeir . . . to discharge himselff of his seruice . . . for nonpayment of his fie wnderwretin and devteis auchten to him therfoir and forder the said George bindis and oblissis him that he sall wpone ilk Sonday and owklie preching day . . . wptak the psallme within the paroche kirk of Elgin at preching and prayer tyme be himselff and his scolleris or sum wther sufficient man deput be him in his absence wpon necessar occasionis daylie efter and befoir noyne befoir and efter preching ordinerly at all tymes wsit and wont Siclyk the said George oblissis him to accept vpone him the office and functioun of the preceptorie of Messindew conforme to the said provest and bailzeis presentatioun to be gevin him . . . for the quhilk office and functioun of the preceptorie of Messindew the said George sall navayis crave nor wptak ony maillis fermes . . . or dewteis properlie perteining and belonging therinto except the yeirly fie and devtie wnderwretin quhilk is ordenit to be payit to him furthe of the said preceptorie and toun . . . and to concurre with the saidis provest and bailzeis in calling . . . fevaris fermoiraris tacksmen rentaleris and wtheris quhatsumeuir addetit in payment of the saidis maillis . . . the saidis provest and bailzeis bindis and oblisses them . . . to thankfullie content pay and deluyver to the said George zeirlie the soum of twa hundreth merkis wsuall money of this realme . . . to wit fyftie merkis money at euerie terme quarterlie wiz. Beltyne Lambes Allhallowmes and Candlemes . . . and siclyk the said provest and bailzeis bindis and oblissis them that ilk burges and fremans sone that sall happin to be put to the said George to be wpbrocht and instructit in ony of his saidis scoolls honestly sall pay for ther entres siluer sex schillingis aucht pennies money allenerlie and for ther blais candill four schillingis with ane candle only and for ther entres siluer to evrie buik that they begin to learne twa schillingis money and for thair bent siluer four penneis money allennerlie . . . In witness . . . befoir thir witnesses James Law burges of Elgin, Mr. Alexr Hay persoun of Dippill, Thomas Watt burges of Elgin, and Alexr Milne wryter in Elgin and wretar heirof.

1607, February 27th.—*Contract betuixt the Toune of Elgin and Mr. Jon Steuart anent the school.*—Mr. John Stewart agrees to become master of the Grammar School of Elgin and to "instruct and vpbring the zowth of the said burgh of Elgin in thair gramer oratorie poetrie and wther literatuir." He is to receive £40 Scots yearly. The clauses regarding fees are the same as in 1603, except the last, which reads: "for thair bent siluer four pennies allannerlie of ilk bairne that bydes at hame fra the bent." The contract was written by Mr. Alexr Mylne writer in Elgin, and witnessed by Thomas Hay, clerk, burgess of Elgin, and George Sutherland, burgess.

1609, December 8th. — *Presentation of George Douglas to the Preceptory of Maisondieu.*—We, James Douglas of Ower Barflethillis provest of the burgh of Elgin, George Brodie, George Cuming, Alexander Pringill and Johne Bonyman, bailzeis of the said burgh, Alexander bischope of Murray, Mr. James Gardin, Thomas Hay, Robert Innes, George Annand, James Andersone, Patrik Gibsone, and Mr. Gawin Douglas, persones of the Commoun Counsall of the said burgh, for ws and oure

successoris . . . vndowtit patronis of the preceptorie of Messindew to the Moderator and presbiterie of Elgin or to ane Reuerend Fader in God Alexander be the mercie of the samyn Bischop of Murray greiting. Witt ze ws to hane tryit the qualificatioun habilitie and conversatioun of George Douglas maister of the Music Scole of Elgin and haiffing fund the said George Douglas willing and habill to exerce and discharge the functioun and office to serue in the kirk of Elgin for vptaking of the psalmes at all tymes needfull and convenient thairfor to hane nominat and presentit . . . the said George Douglas to the benefice of the preceptorie of Messindew besyde oure burgh of Elgin as heretabill and vndoutit patrones of the samyn disponit be oure souerane Lord to ws partlie for the mantinance of the said office and instructioun of the zowth in the airt of music and seruice in the kirk as said is and partlie for the mantinance of ane hospitale to the puir, Remembring the said George Douglas to zow or ony of zow that in respect of said qualificatioun and willingnes forsaid tryit be ws ze may ressaue and admitt him to the said preceptorie and authoreis him with the testimonie of his admissioun thairto for causing of him to be ansuerit of the fruittis proffeittis emolumentis and dewiteis of the said preceptorie for mantinance of him in the said office and functioun of the said hospitall as said is as at mair lenth is contenit in the said infeftment grantit to ws thairupoun, be thir oure letteris of presentatioun subscryvit with oure handis at Elgin the aucht day of December the yeir of God I^M VI^C and nyne zeiris.

1612, February 24th. — *Contract betuix the Towne off Elgin and William Dumbar.*—"Williame Dumbar sone lauchfull to wmquhill Dauid Dumbar of Durris . . . acceptis the office of master of the grammer scole to instruct and vpbring the yowth of the said burgh of Elgin in thair grammar oratrie poetrie and vther literature . . . and als to vpbring the youth foirsaid in the heidis and groundis of religioun and to instruct thame their dominicall lessoun and teiche thame Calvenis Catecheis euerie Sonday baith in Latine and Greik." He is engaged for three years after Whitsunday 1612, with a yearly salary of 80 merks Scots and £10 Scots for his chalmer maill. Clauses regarding fees the same as in 1603, except the last, which reads: "for thair bent siluer four pennies money for ilk bairne that bydis at hame fra the bent allanerlie and that na licence be gevin to gang to bent bot anes in the fourtene dayis and that gif it beis fair wedder allanerlie and vpoun convenient dayis." The contract was written by Thomas Hay, town clerk of Elgin, and witnessed by Nicolas Dunbar sone to umquhill Mr. Johne Dunbar of Meftis, James Lesly sone to Johne Lesly of Aikinway, Alex^r Hay sone to Thomas Hay, clerk, burgess of Elgin.

1616, September 24th. — *Contract betuixt the Towne of Elgin and Mr. John Turing.*—Mr. John Turing, son of Archibald Turing at the kirk of Foveran, agrees to become master of the Grammar School for three years at a yearly salary of 100 merks, and with the same duties and fees as in 1612 contract: "and it is expreslie condiscendit betuix the saidis parties that induring the tym of harvest ther salbe na vacance grantit to the bairnes of the said burghe or landward during the said space and giff any parentis happinis to abstract thair bairnes fra the said schooll in tym of harvest in that caice it salbe lesum to the said Mr. John to expell thame furth of the

said schooll and nocht to ressaue tham and that to be in the said Mr. Johnes will and optione." The contract was written by Nicolas Dunbar, notary public, and witnessed by Mr. James Gutherie, minister at Wrquhard, Mr. Dauid Philp, minister at Elgin, and George Douglas, reader at Elgin.

1619, April 8th.—*Contract betuixt the Toune of Elgin and Mr. Johne Allane.*—Mr. Johne Allane at the kirk of Allane agrees to become master of the Grammar School with salary etc. as in 1616 contract. The contract was written by John Nicolson, servitor to Mr. John Hay, town clerk of Elgin, but the names of the witnesses are omitted.

1624, November 15th. — *Contract betuix the Toun of Elgin and Mr. Gilbert Anderson.*—He agrees to become master of the Grammar School for five years at a yearly salary of 100 merks, "to instruct the zouthe in thair grammar and sic wther literatur as appertenis" and to "bring up the said zouthe baith in literature and guid maners in sic forme and maner as is obseruit and allowit in all the best resauit gramer schoillis within this realme as it sall pleas God to furneis him with grace knawledge and wnderstanding wpone his credit and conscience and also to teache the said zouthe sic groundis of religioune as they salbe fund capable of and to that effect to gife thame thair Sundayes lessounes as appertenis . . . and farder the said Mr. Gilbert faythfullie bindis and oblissis him that he sall not vpoune ony occasioune withdraw himselff furthe of the said burgh above the space of four myillis of ground nor remaine outwith the samyne attour the space of tuentie four houres during all the tyme of the said fywe zeiris without the speciall licence and consent of the prowest and bailzies of the said burghe for the tyme requyrit and obtenit be him . . . siclyk that the said Mr. Gilbert sall not grant libertie to the said zouthe to play except wpone convenient dayes viz. Tuyisday Thurisday and Setterday nor suffer tham to pas to the bent but anes euerie fyfteine dayes wpon ane convenient day . . . it salbe lesum to the said Mr. Gilbert to exact of euerie tounes manis bairne hanting the schoilles sex schillingis aucht pennies quarterlie for thair quarter payment with four schillingis and ane great candill zeirlie at the feast of Hallowmes and to exact the doubill therof fra euerie outland manes bairne and quhensoeuer it sall happin said zouth to pas to the bent it salbe leisum to the said Mr. Gilbert to exact of euerie ane of the zoung sort that remaynes at heame four pennies money allenarlie." The contract was written by Wm. Elies, servitor to John Paterson, notary public, and witnessed by John James, John Douglas, John Forsyth, officer, and said John Paterson.

1625, May 16th. — *Contract betuix the Toun of Elgin and David Murray.* — David Murray, resident at the burgh of Striuiling, accepts the office of maister of the Musik Scole for four years, "bindis and oblissis him to instruct and edify the zouth of the said burgh and all vtheris that sall happin to be committit to his chairge within the said musik scole in musik singing playing reiding writting and vther honest cumelie and religeous exercises cairfullie and diligentlie as becumeth and in sic forme

and maner as is obseruit in the best reformit musik scoles within this realme . . . to attend vpone Godis seruice within the parroch kirk of the said burgh everie Sabbath day and vther dayis and tymes vsit and wount for vptaking of the salme to the honour of Godis seruice als oft as salbe thocht necessar and expedient. Lykas the said Dauid sall attend the ordinar dayis of Session and effairis belonging to the discipline of the kirk as clerk thairof." He is to receive "ane letter of gift and prouision to the preceptorie of Messindew," and the fruits and rents thereof to be made up by the Council to £100 Scots, if necessary. He is also to receive £20 Scots "by and attour his chalmer maill." The contract was written by Alex^r Hay, notary public and brother to Mr. John Hay, town clerk, and witnessed by John Guthrie, sone to the reverend father in God John Bishop of Murray, Mr. David Philp, minister at Elgin, and Robert Dumbar, one of the officiars.

1689, April 10th.—*Contract betuix the Toune of Elgin and Mr. John McKean.*—Mr. John McKean, present schoolmaster at Cromarty, agrees to become master of the Grammar School for one year from first day of May. Clauses the same as in 1624 contract. "Siclyke the said Mr. John is to meet at the said Gramar Schooll each Sabboth dayes morning where he is to conveen all those vnder his discipline and to convoy them orderly to the seatts erected and appoynted for them in the church where also he is to sitt in the dask appoynted for the master of the gramar schooll for notifeing the disorders that may arise amongst the children vnder his charge and imediatly after sermons he is to repair again to the gramar schooll and there to call and conveen his schollars and examine them respective for what they heard of the fore and afternoons sermons and therafter to conclude with prayer and praise, and alseweell vpon the week day as Saboth day to keep the schollars from perturbing in the streets after the ordinar tymes appoynted." The contract was written by Robert Young, writer in Elgin, and witnessed by John Dunbar and Robert Donaldson, merchants in Elgin.

1769, October 28th. — *Contract betuixt the Magistrates and Mr. William Farquhar.*—Mr. Wm. Farquhar, late schoolmaster at Auchterless, agrees to become master and teacher of the Musick and English School for three years, "to teach and instruct the young people of both sexes which shall come there in English, Writing, Arithmetick, vocal and instrumental musick and all other the sciences he knows which the students incline to be taught, that he shall also precent in the church both on Lord's days and week days." His salary to be 100 merks with "the benefits of proclamation of banns, marriages or baptism of children within the town and parish of Elgin, the records whereof he is hereby authorised and appointed to keep." He is "to give due attendance upon the school and to set a good example before these under his charge in all morality and sobriety," and is bound "not to procure himself to be licensed as a minister of any Church under the penalty of forfeiting any salary that may be due him for the time and £20 Sterling over and above payable to the Town Treasurer for the use of the common good."

1782, May 4th.—*Contract betwixt the Magistrates and Mr. Alexander Wilson.*—Mr. Alexander Wilson, Master of Arts, late of Banff, becomes master of the Grammar School for three years at an annual salary of £15 sterling with the school fees. He binds himself "that he shall not enter into holy orders of any kind so as to be preacher of the gospel during this contract, that he shall teach all the children of the burgesses at the rate of two shillings sterling quarterly for Latin and for other branches of education in such manner as their parents and friends may agree on, that he shall not only by precept but also by example encourage and cultivate those under his care in the principles of Christianity, love and fear of God, obedience to superiors, the beauty of holiness and the turpitude of vice, that he shall correct with moderation and encourage with zeal, that he shall abstain from drunkenness, gameing, swearing and every other vice and if convicted of any of them shall be subject to the sentence of deprivation, that he shall regularly attend school at the stated hours and not give the students any relaxation from their studies except the usual hours of refreshment and the Saturday's afternoon and annual fairs in the burgh, that he shall regularly at every meeting of the school in the morning and dismissing the same in the evening say audible and publick prayers in the school with the scholars, that he shall every Lord's day and other holy days set apart for publick divine service conveen the scholars and cause them read with propriety and decorum certain passages of the Holy Scriptures and other devout authors in his hearing and cause them repeat ex tempore the lectures and texts given out by the preachers at divine service with such inferences as the preachers may draw therefrom so far as their memories and maturity will admitt of, that he shall proceed from the school with his scholars at the beginning of publick worship forenoon and afternoon to the High Church and there attend divine service in such place as the magistrates shall appoint for them, that he shall not interfere with the other branches of education assigned by the magistrates and Town Council for the master of the English and Music School or teach any branch therof except such as are intimately connected with teaching of Latine, Greek and geography."

1785, October 24th.—*Contract betwixt the Magistrates and Mr. John Anderson.*—He agrees to become master of the Music or English School, "to teach and instruct the youth of both sexes which shall come there in English, Writing, Arithmetic, vocal and instrumental music and all the other sciences he knows, Latin and Greek excepted, and that he shall precent in the church both on the Lord's days and other days appointed for publick worship." His salary to be £10 sterling payable quarterly at Hallowday, Candlemas, Rood day and Lammas, with "the emoluments from the proclamation of banns, marriages, baptism of children, and record of the dead within the town and parish of Elgin, which records he is hereby authorised to keep." He shall "set a good example in his own person as to his own deportment and rebuke and chastise any vice or immorality he shall discover in the behaviour of those under his charge."

1652.

June 12th. — Mr. George Cuming scholemaster haueing givin in a supplicatione for inlargeing his yeirlie stipend the Counsell finds it resonable and will returne a resolute ansuer on Monday nixt.

June 15th. — The Counsell for ansuer to Mr. George Cuming scholemaster ordaines him to have fiftie merkis attouer the hundreth pund and that for augmentatione of his stipend to fiftie merkis includeing his chamber money yeirlie.

September 16th.—The Counsell and William Murray did condiscend as followes viz. that the said William shall have 200 merks money for his teaching of a Musick Schoole and taking vp the psalmes in the churche and that for the space of ane yeir fra Michaelmes nixt with this conditione if the said William did not duetie in teaching of ane schoole the said space this present tyme to be warning to him to be changed at Mertimes 1653.

1653.

July 18th.—The Counsell hes appoynted to meatt Thursday nixt after the lecture to conveine Mr. George Cuming schoolmaster before them for not goeing to the rashes with the bairnes, for takeing 12d. fra some for their not goeing tymlie to schoole in the morning and vther tymes waging after eight hours at night for break of yeards and takeing of pease.

November 29th.—William Murray, master of the Musick Schoole, in respect of his neglect in doeing of duetie it was intimat to him that he should expect no benefite from the Counsell for teacheing of a school efter Witsonday nixt 1654. The said Williame ansuered that he wold expect none.

1654.

May 22nd.—The Counsell ordained Alexander King, master of the Musick Schoole, to get sex s. 8d. quarterlie for ilk tounes chyld that were onlie reading and writeing and the double of that from ilk landward bairne and if they were put to singing tuelf s. quarterlie.

1656.

February 11th.—The Counsell appoynted the provest and the clerk to speak Mr. George Cuming, master of the Grammare Schoole, and to desyre him to provyde for himself at Lambes nixt.

August 11th.—The Counsell haueing spokin Mr. Murdo McKenyie concerning a master of the Gramare Schoole who in name of himself and Mr. Thomas Law his colleg and in name of the presbeterie recommended Mr. George Speed his sone.

1657.

July 20th.—William Murray readmitted to teach the Musick Schoole to give him a new tryall of his more diligence and care.

July 27th.—Anent the petition givin be William Murray, master of the Musick Schoole, desyreing the children that are at the Gramare Schoole learning onlie Inglish may be direct to the Musick Schoole and for that effect that the master of the Gramare Schoole may be spoke for dischargeing him to receive such hereafter.

December 7th. — William Murray to receive 20 punds Scotts quarterlie for teaching the Musick Schoole.

1658.

June 7th. — Mr. William Speed of the Grammare Schoole was appointed to come to the Counsell on Monday nixt to subscryve his indentur.

August 2nd. — Wm. Murray, master of the Musick Schoole, hes willinglie demitted charge thairof because he finds himself now weake for that charge and that he is to goe about his vther affaires and als hes dimitted his charge as clerk to the church Sessione.

1660.

October 22nd.—The provest did declaire that Mr. William Speid did say to him that sieing he myndit to studie divinitie the Toune wold doe him a fauor to mak Candlemas his tyme of remouing, to which the Counsell did condiscend.

1671.

August 28th. — The play granted to the schollers of the Gramer School for fyftein dayes beginning one the 5 of September nixt.

1672.

April 1st.—Baillie Innes and Baillie Ogilvie to speake with Baillie Leslies wyffe anent the schoole and to prepare ane roume for the schoollers till it be done.

November 25th.—Prouest Cuming in name of his sone Mr. George maid intimatione to the Counsell that his sone is to give over the schoole at Candilsmeis nixt and to provyde themselues for a schoolmaister to the Gramer Schoole.

December 9th. — The Counsell have nominat and maid choyse of Maister Johne Willsone to be schoolmaister at the Gramar Schoole of Elgin for the space of ane yeir. *Nota:* the rectificationes of the tecks, candell money, goeing to the bent, and anent the giueing of silver upon the Sabboth, and what the tounes bairnes and the landward bairns suld pay, to be considered of.

1673.

April 14th.—The Counsell have condiscendit anent the bill given in be Issobell Smith, schoollmistres besyd the bedhous, anent her stayeing that she haue the libertie of the same for this yeire and longer dureing the Counsells pleasur inrespect of her taking on breiding up young ones.

1676.

April 3rd.—It is appoynted that the Musick Schoole be buildit at the syde of Baillie Innes his croft on the syde of the Moise Wynd and Baillie Innes and the thesaurer to be overseers.

1677.

February 12th. — Mr. John Wilson, schoolmaster, gives intimatione that he is to dimitt his charge.

1679.

October 20th.—Mr. William Cumming, present schoolmaister of the Grammar Schooll, having demitted and a supplication being given in be severall inhabitants regraiting that they war forcit to send ther children furth of the place and wald do so unless ane qualified schoollmaster were provyded, the Counsell elect Mr. George Steinsone, schoollmaster at Urquhart.

1681.

June.—Payit £33 6s. 8d. to Nicolas Craig, relict of umquhill Thomas Innes, maister of the Musick Schooll, for attending therof and causing raiss the psame in the church since the deceise of her husband from Mertimes 1680 to Whitsunday 1681. Payit for bringing the maister of the Musick Schooll his chist from the Bruch to Elgin 18s.

1682.

February 13th.—In respect of the vacancie of the Grammer Schooll the Counsell with unanimous consent haw electit Mr. Johne Stewart, schoollmaister at Urquhart, maister therof, whois entrie is at Candlemas 1682 and to continow during the magistrats pleasur he behaawing and deporting himself in his chairge qualifiedlie as uthers hes done in that chairg.

1687.

May 23rd.—*Anent writing ane letter to the presbetrie anent ane Master to the Gramer Schooll.*—The Counsell condiscends that the provest sall wreat ane lyne to the moderator of the presbetrie to aquaynt these of the brethren of the exercise of this presbetrie nixt adjacent to be witnes to the tryall of such persones as salbe presentit be the magistrats and counsell to teach grammer within this burgh upon the first day of Junij nixt.

June 4th.—*Admissione of the skoollmaster.*—The Counsell admittit and receawit Mr. Thomas Jaffray to be maister of the Grammer Skooll and presentis him to the wountid fies and emoluments attending that chairge alse amplie as his predecessor injoyid the samyne.

October 10th. — *Anent the delywerie of Wirgill to the thesaurer.* — James Stewart, at Boit of Boig, brother to wmquhill Mr. Johne Stewart, lait schoolmaster, gaw in to the Counsell Virgills comentaries which was delywerid to the thesaurer who was appoyntit not to delywer the samyne to the present skoollmaister without ane resseat to returne the samyne at his removall.

1689.

April 25th. — *Mr. Thomas Jaffray his demissione.* — Mr. Thomas Jaffray, maister of the Grammer Skooll, did demit his chairge in favouris of the Counsell and desyrit they might enter anie at the rood-day nixt they pleasid.

1690.

January 27th.—The Counsell dispenses with Mr. John MacKeane his owne entrie provyding he continow to teatch the skooll as long as the magistrats and counsell salbe pleased to continow him.

August 25th.—The said day Mr. Johne McKeane demittit his office and chairge as Grammer Skoolmaster and desyred the toune to provyde tymouslie for ane master to the said skooll.

1692.

April 4th.—[Robert Cuming of Logie gives right to the magistrates of the "skooll aiker" for a consideration].

1694.

April 9th.—*Agreement for building the Gramar Schooll.*—The provest and baillies reported that they had agried with John Rose, mason, for takeing doun the stone work of the Gramer Schooll and for rebuilding the same consisting of sextein foots of measure within the walls in breidth and in lenth from the gavill of Alexander Winster hous to north syd wall of vmquhill John Spence kill, haweing tuo hewen doores of ston, ten windows, with ane chimney in the south gavell in the uper

storie and ane bell hous on the top of the north gawill, with ane stair of steps without for ane entrie to the uper storie, the syd walls to be tuell foots high with hewen table stone on the top of the walls and hewen peatt stons on the gabills and scuncheons and brase of the chimney to be hewen work, for which the magistrats are to pay him fourscoir punds Scots money and to furnish materials requisit.

November 19th.—The schooll aiker set to William Waran, elder, for payment of fyve bolls bear yearly.

1695.

February 25th.—The Counsell gave commissione to the provest to caus bring home ane bell for the schooll.

School declaired vaiceant.—The Counsell haveing considered many complaints made and given in be the inhabitants against Mr. George Stephan, schoolmaster, they declaire the schooll vaiceant and ordains the said Mr. George to remove therefrom against Whitsonday next.

March 18th. — *Election of ane Schoolmaster.* — The Counsell have made choice of Mr. Alexander Duncan, present schoolmaster at Achterless, to be schoolmaster of this burgh.

August 5th.—The bell brought home for the schooll is appointed to be set up and Robert Andersone, collector of the vaicant stipend, is appointed to pay the pryce therof to Fascan being 120 punds 7s. 6d. Scots money. [It probably came from Holland: see vol. i., p. 357.]

1696.

June 8th.—The magistrates are empowered to agree with William Cuming, master of the Musick Schooll at the Old toune of Aberdeen, anent his coming here to be master of the Musick Schooll within this burgh. [His salary £66 13s. 4d. per annum, and his salary as session clerk £20 per annum.]

1702.

February 4th. — A tack to be drawn of the school aiker to Baillie Douglas for the present rentall being five bolls bear for three years.

1705.

April 7th.—The school bell being riven the Councill appoint John Walker to mend the same if possible.

December 10th.—The Councill ordaines the thesaurer to cause glase and weir the Gramar Schooll and the expence of the same to be payed out of the penalties of church delinquents.

1706.

February 11th.—Lady Gordonstoun petitions the Councill to part with Mr. James Crombie, schoolmaster. The Councill decline but state that he ought to implement his agreement with the town.

February 18th.—The Council will not allow Mr. James Cromby, master of the Grammar School, to demit office during the years of his contract but agree to augment the school fees which are low and mean viz. that each town's man's child pay at least 13s. 4d. Scots quarterly and every stranger's child the double thereof as school fee besides the other emoluments used to be payd.

March 25th.—The school acre rented for three years at 20 pounds or 5 bolls victual in the Council's option.

1709.

April 4th.—The town's agent in Edinburgh to search for some fitt person to be master of the town's Musick Schooll.

May 9th.—The Councill considering that Mr. James Crombie, master of the Grammar School, is called to the School of Banff and that he is willing to stay if he be incouraged, grant him ten pund Scotts yearlie as an addition to his salary.

June 29th.—No other having applied the Councill allow Alexander Monro, latelie Master of Musick at Inverness, to officiat as Master of Musick, precentor and Session Clerk untill the term of Mertimas nixt.

October 31st.—He is continued for a year after Mertimas nixt.

1711.

April 9th. — Alexander Monro, master of the Musick School, was called for and appeared in Councill and intimation was made to him to quitt the said school the 15th of May next in respect the Councill have called another.

May 16th. — Alexander Roust, professor of Musick at Aberdeen, admitted master of the Musick Schooll of this burgh. An alphabet to be drawn up and given to him as to the colledge fies. He is elected for three years and thereafter during the pleasure of the Councill.

October 15th.—Ane partition wall to be built in the loft above the Musick Schooll for the master's convenience and wear cases to be put on all the windows of the said schooll and the schooll to be beamfilled and plastered.

1712.

June 30th.—Alexander Cuming of Logie grants a disposition to the Councill of the school acre on certain conditions.

1713.

June 15th. — Mr. James Crombie, master of the Grammar School, petitions the Council to allowe him a Doctor to assist him for teaching of youth: allowed for one year for his encouragement. To be paid £30 Sc. out of the comon good, Mr. Crombie dispensing with £10 Sc. out of his yearly salary to the said doctor. Mr. Crombie agrees and the Council allows him 4s. Sc. at least quarterly from each scholar for the said year.

1714.

September 15th. — The Council presents Mr. William Robertson, chaplain to the Lord Fraser, to be master of the Grammar School to enter in contract for three years. Salary 110 pounds Sc. per annum with the same fees as Mr. Crombie deceased and to be subject to a trial by the Presbytery.

December 20th.—Memorial to the Council from Mr. Ogilvie who proposes to come to Elgin to teach Arithmetick, Book-holding, etc., and craving a fond to be settled for his continuance. The Councill agree to give him from the town of quarterly pension £22 Sc., besides what he gets from the children, to be payed quarterly be John Gordon, Collector of the penaltys due by the Church delinquents.

1715.

[To the Honourable the Provost Bailies and Councill of Elgine the Petition of Mr. William Robertson, Master of the Grammar School of Elgine: Humbly Sheweth That I have been two severall presbytry dayes conveined before the presbytry of Elgine to subscribe the Confession of Faith; and although at the first presbytry they allowed me a time to advise thereanent yet at the last presbytry when I offered to give in, in write, some scruples I had against severall articles of the said Confession which I could not comply with in point of conscience (and so till they should satisfe me thereanent I could not subscribe the said Confession of Faith as the confession of my faith unless I had acted the part of a very great hypocrite) they would not hear any of my scruples nor enter upon giving me satisfaction thernent but would proceed as far as they could to depose me from being Schoolmaster. And seeing the presbytry of Elgine are dealing more rigorously with me than with any of my predecessors, schoolmasters here (neither of whom ever subscribed the said Confession of Faith) and that I am informed they are to use the utmost of their power and law to get me deposed from being Schoolmaster of Elgin, therefore and for preventing of the Honourable the Magistrats and Council of Elgine their being at pains and expenses in maintaining and defending me in the possession of the School of Elgin and benefices thereof I do by these (with all deference and love to the Honourable Burgh and hail members thereof and with regret that I should have been placed amongst so good and worthie a society and yet obliged to leave them when in conscience I cannot comply with that which I think not just) willingly and freely from this date forward renounce all interest and right I have or had as being Schoolmaster of Elgin to and in favours of the Magistrats and Councill

of Elgine and their successors in office. May it therefore please your Honors to accept of this my renunciation and provide for yourselves such a qualified schoolmaster as may please the Burgh and presbytry of Elgin and I ever am, Right Honourable, Your most obedient humble servant, Wm. Robertson. (Dunbar's *Social Life*, i., 171-2).]

October 17th.—The Magistrats and Councillors to visit both schools to-morrow at ten aclock.

1716.

October 2nd. — Mr. William Shipherd, schoolmaster at Oldearn, admitted to be master of the Grammar School. Salary £110 Scots, with the rooms above the school. His school fees to be a merk Sc. fra ilk town's man's child and the double therof fra ilk country scholar besides the other casualties used and wont. Contract with him for three years.

October 14th.—New agreement between the town and Mr. Roust, master of the Musick School, for three years. He is also to be precentor and session clerk and to have the benefit of keeping a register of the dead.

1721.

March 20th.—Contract with Alexander Roust, master of the Musick School, for three years after Whitsunday 1721.

1722.

March 12th.—The Councill considering that it is a disadvantage to the burgh to want a woman schoolmistres capable to teach white seam, pastrie and other such matters proper for women to learn do therfor for the incouragement of Mris. Ramsay, a schoolmistres skillfull in the aforsaid matters and who is content to settle within this burgh, allow and appoint to be paid to her out of the town's treasury £20 Sc. for one year.

1723.

May 6th.—See vol. i., p. 412.

June 26th.—See vol. i., p. 412.

1724.

May 11th.—See vol. i., p. 415.
November 9th, 23rd, 30th.—See vol. i., pp. 416-7.
December 14th.—See vol. i., p. 417.

1727.

February 6th.—See vol. i., p. 423-4.
May 29th.—See vol. i., p. 426.
October 30th.—See vol. i., p. 427.

1729.

October 27th.—See vol. i., p. 432.

1730.

January 5th.—Mr. Alexander Stewart, master of the Grammar School, demits office.

February 9th.—See vol. i., p. 433.

March 16th.—See vol. i., p. 434.

May 7th.—At the tryall before the presbytery the presbytery report that Mr. William Gordon, schoolmaster at Cairny, after tryall taken of his literature and skill in the Latine tongue was the fittest of all the candidates. The Town Council unanimously admit him for 1½ years and thereafter will continue him if he be subject to the censure or removall by the Town Council in case of any negligence in his office after due tryall therof.

1731.

August 9th.—It is ordered that there be a visitation of the Grammar Schooll by the magistrats and ministers some time before the harvest vaication and to enquire if Mr. Gordon has been guilty of misdemeanours as schoolmaster.

1733.

February 5th. — Hary Innes, schoolmaster at Duffus, appointed master of the Grammar School for a year and thence at the Council's pleasure, at two months' premonition.

March 26th. — The school acre set for £24 13s. 4d. Sc. to William Forsyth, glasier.

May 18th.—The Town Council enact that none lay muck near to the found of the Song School under the penalty of three pounds Sc.

June 11th. — *Ane spin mistres settled in the town.* — The provost presented a letter from David Flint, secretary to the Trustees for improving fisheries and manufactorys, bearing that the Trustees had appointed a spinning mistres of the schooll to be erected at Elgin and that the spin mistres name was Jannet Dickson. The Council appoint a house or lodging to be taken for the said Jannet Dickson and to pay yearly therfore £18 Sc.

1734.

April 1st. — The Toun Council being informed be some of the inhabitants of this burgh that Mr. Henry Innes, present Schoollmaster therof, had lost his authority over the Boys his scholars so that they were not profiting in the Learning and the said Mr. Henry Innes being called before the Town Councill and the above Charge and Information being read to him he answered thereto, That in order to clear himself of the same he was content that the schooll should be visited: The Town Council therefore did without examining into the said matter continue the said Mr. Innes to be schoolmaster of the Grammar School of Elgin untill Lambas next and appoint him to remove from his charge at said term with certification if he faill therein the Toun Council will remove him in the legall and ordinary way and the school is declared vaccant from the said day.

April 22nd. — Mr. James Crookshank, schoolmaster at Rothes, appointed schoolmaster of this burgh for one year, he agreeing to remove at the Council's pleasure upon a quarter of a year's warning thereafter.

June 3rd. — The Toun Council upon a petition from Mr. William Russell, schoolmaster, doe allow him for his encouragement to teach English, Arithmetick and the other things mentioned in his petition and for furnishing himself with a sufficient schooll house and that for one year.

1735.

September 29th. — Mrs. Paterson, late spin mistris in this parish, having left the place the Magistrates request the Trustees for the Linen Manufactorie to send another spin mistris.

December 1st.—A contract is to be made betwixt the Magistrates and Mr. Crookshank, present Grammar Schoolmaster, for three years, he to have the same salary Mr. William Shepherd, deceased, had. The Councill upon a Petition from Mr. Crookshank representing that it would tend much to the advancement of the youth under his care their education if there were a Doctor setled under him who could not only teach Latine but also Arithmetick and Algebra and some other parts of the Mathematicks they did unanimously agree and that he should get a yearly sallary of five pounds sterling to continue during the Council's pleasure.

1737.

May 23rd.—The Council upon a petition from Alexander Roust, son to the deceast Alexander Roust, master of the Music School of Elgyn, doe continew and appoint the said Alexander Roust to exercise the office of Master of the Musick School and presenter in the Church of this burgh and that dureing the Councill's pleasure allenarly.

1738.

June 5th.—Mr. William Henderson created doctor of the Grammar Schooll at a salary of five pounds sterling yearly.

1739.

March 26th.—A petition presented to the Council from many of the inhabitants protesting against the Presbytery having unwarrantably

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deposed Mr. James Crookshank, present master of the Grammar School. The magistrates have written to the Town's Agent to consult a lawyer thereanent.

1740.

November 29th.—The Council intimate personally to Mr. James Crookshank, master of the Grammar School, that they suspend him from office, he lying under the scandal of fornication and as yet has not satisfied the church discipline for the same.

1741.

February 16th.—The Councill considering that the Magistrats have made dilligent search to gett ane fitt person to teach the youth in the Grammar School of this Burgh to supply the vacancie of Mr. James Crookshank who stands suspended from that office for his not haveing satisfied the discipline of the church for his fall in fornication and having found none to supply his place and that therupon Mr. Crookshank was called in befor the Councill and he being asked why he did not satisfie the discipline of the church he answered that he had used all reasonable means and methods by offering himself to the kirk session and presbetrie to satisfie ther discipline and that they hade refused him unles he would give in ane demission of his office to them all which being considered by the Toun Councill and that severall of the considerable burgesses and inhabitants hade this day given in ane petition to the Council praying to the effect aftermentioned viz. that Mr. Crookshank may be reponed to his office, the Councill having examined Mr. Crookshank anent his fault and transgression and the provost haveing publictly repremanded him he acknowledged his fault and that he was heartilie sorrie for it and that he hade offended both God and man and promised good behaviour in all tym coming and begged he might be reponed, therfore the Councill repone him.

1742.

October 11th.—The Town's Agent in Edinburgh is appointed to search for a proper person to teach the Musick School of this burgh. The magistrates also write to James Cuming, writing master, Edinburgh, to see if he can find out a proper person for teaching the said school.

1743.

November 28th.—A contract is signed with Alexander Roust and Alexander Cantly, musick schoolmasters, for one, two or three years in the option of the magistrates, their yearly salary to be £10 sterling.

1744.

October 31st.—The Councill considering that Mr. James Crookshank, master of the Grammar School, his contract with the town is long expired, and that his continuing Grammar Schoolmaster under scandall from which he is not absolved has occasioned ane misunderstanding betwixt the Magistrats and ministers of this burgh which subsists and considering that for some tym agoe he has betaken himself to merchandiseing and so cannot be supposed to give the necessary attendance upon the school which appears from some of the principall inhabitants of the town ther sending ther children to country schools for their education as also considering the said Mr. James Crookshank his disrespectfull and undutiful conduct and behaviour to the Magistrats, therfore they declare the school vaccant from the term of Candlemas next.

November 26th.—The Councill considering that they have gott ane lybelled summonds at the instance of the ministers and Kirk Session of Elgin and the presbitrie therof to compeir befor the Lords of Session some dayes in December next relative to ane former proces anent the qualifications of Mr. James Crookshank master of the Grammar School and of his alleaged immoralities and anent the magistrats and Councill's ther priviledges and title and right they have to the said master and Grammar School which summonds of declarator the Councill appoint the magistrats to send to the town's agent in order to make ther defence and to give the Agent all the information they can anent the said proces, the conclusion of which summonds that though the magistrats and town council be patrons of the said school and can elect and present yet the presentee should be found qualified as to his literature morall character and orthodoxie and signe the formula befor he entered upon teaching the said school and that the presbetrie of the bounds have ane right to depose the said schoolmaster for gross immoralities.

December 3rd.—The Councill considering that the Musick School of the burgh is become altogether useless by the negligence and not attendance of Alexander Cantly and Alexander Roust, musick masters, and that it is nottour and well known to the members of the Councill that instead of a flourishing school it is now reduced to two scholars which are not attended either and these teachers having got several reprimands and admonitions and still continue negligent and remiss, the Council declare the said Musick School vaccant at the term of Whitsunday next.

December 17th.—The Magistrates meet with a committee of the presbitry of Elgin and come to terms as to the process depending anent the Grammar School as also anent the Musick School, Session Clerk and keeping of the registers of baptisms and marriages. The Council approve of the terms.

1745.

January 10th.—The Council agree with Mr. James Monro, schoolmaster at Oldeer, to be their schoolmaster.

February 11th.—Mr. James Crookshank intimates a suspension of the Town Council's sentence of deposition against him and thus Mr. Monro cannot at present be entered.

1746.

October 6th.—Mr. James Munroe appointed to appear before the presbytery to be tried, his trials having been delayed by the suspension presented by Mr. James Cruickshank and the intervening Rebellion and troubles in the country.

November 27th.—Compeared William Crowden who offered to teach as master of the Musick School untill Whitsunday next for 50 merks of sallary and the ordinary fees from the scholars. The Magistrats and Councill accept of Mr. Crowden's offer and appoint him to enter to the Musick School to-morrow. Mr. Crowden to appear before the Presbytery to be tried as to his piety and literature and to qualify before the Magistrates by taking the oaths appointed by law.

1747.

January 19th. — Mr. William Forbes, city clerk of Edinburgh, the town's agent, sends the decreet at the magistrates' instance against Mr. James Cruickshank, late schoolmaster. The Council give orders to pursue him for the expences.

1748.

May 16th.—The Council allow Mr. Munro, master of the Grammar School, £30 Sc., his petition setting forth that he had taught several branches of education which none of his predecessors had done and which no master in the county could teach.

October 10th.—William Cruden, master of the Musick School, is allowed to remove, having been appointed by the Magistrates of Montrose master of the Musick School there where the encouragement he is to have is much higher than what he gets here. His brother, John Cruden, is appointed by the Town Council of Elgin in his place till Whitsunday.

1749.

March 13th.—John Cruden is appointed Master of the Musick School for one year after Whitsunday next.

1750.

June 18th. — Mr. James Munroe gave in a letter to the Council acquainting that Mr. Blackvel, one of the Regents at Aberdeen, will be in this town soon and proposing that the Council should wait of him and beg the favour of him to examine the boys in the Grammar School, which being considered by the Council they recommend it to the magistrates to wait of Mr. Blackwell and beg the favour of him to visit the Grammar School and recommend to the baillies to invite the ministers of the town to attend the examination and appoint Mr. Munroe to acquaint the magistrates when Mr. Blackwell comes.

1753.

October 15th.—Mrs. Hutton (Helen Gray), Edinburgh, engaged to come and reside in Elgin as a teacher of females, seeing there is no proper school in this place for the education of young women, for one year at a salary of £5 sterling with a free house, viz. the back house in the close of Margaret Gordon, relict of John Duff, late provost, the rent of which was £42 Scots.

1755.

June 23rd. — Mr. James Monro, teacher of the Grammar School, resigns his situation.

August 18th. — Mr. John Cook, schoolmaster, Cullen, appointed teacher of the Grammar School for three years at same salary as Mr. Monro had, and the quarter's fees for burgess children to be £1 Scots.

1756.

May 3rd.—A salary of £5 sterling continued to Elizabeth Cuming, schoolmistress, for a year.

May 10th.—Mr. John Cook, master of the Grammar School, allowed an assistant at a salary of £5 Sterling, and said assistant empowered to receive from each scholar sixpence sterling quarterly for his trouble over and above the dues paid to the principal master.

August 23rd. — Mr. John Cruden, teacher of the Musick School, resigns from and after Martinmas next.

1757.

May 2nd. — Mr. James Cruden, late schoolmaster at Rescobie, appointed master of the Musick School and declared entitled to "the ordinary emoluments arising from baptisms and marriages together with 100 merks Scots payable out of the hospital lands of Messindew, and appoint the said James Cruden to qualify himself in terms of law before the magistrates and to intimate to the ministers of this place that he is

to appear before them next presbytery to be tried by them as to his piety and literature."

A salary of £5 sterling allowed Mrs. Cummine, schoolmistress, for a year after Whitsunday next.

November 21st.—William Aiken, assistant to Mr. James Cruden, master of the Musick School, allowed £2 sterling for one year from Martinmas last, and the school fees were settled as follows:—for teaching English alone 1s. sterling, English and writing 1s. 6d., English, writing, vocal musick and arithmetick 2s. per quarter.

1759.

November 19th.—Mr. James Cruden, master of the Musick School, petitions for a salary to his assistant, John Roy, and the Council grants him £3 sterling for the current year and £4 yearly after.

1760.

June 2nd.—On a petition from John Cook, master of the Grammar School, the Council agreed to advance his salary to £10 sterling per annum.

August 18th.—William Cramond, assistant to Mr. James Cruden, master of the Musick School, allowed a salary of £4 sterling per annum.

1761.

July 6th.—John Livie, son of Alexander Livie, baxter in Elgin, appointed assistant to John Cook, master of the Grammar School, at a salary of £5 sterling per annum.

December 7th.—Robert Alves, son of John Alves, mason, placed as helper to Mr. John Cook, master of the Grammar School, at a salary of £5 sterling per annum.

1762.

Unto the Honourable the Magistrates and Town Councill of the Burgh of Elgin the Petition of James Cruden, master of the Musick

School of Elgin, humbly sheweth that about two years ago it was concerted betuixt your Honours and the ministers of Elgin that an improvement upon the publick singing in the church was highly necessary, that some time thereafter your Petitioner was advised to practise every evening in the Little Church with such of the inhabitants and others as pleased to attend in order to make this improvement, and accordingly I attended every evening and weekly every Friday before noon for six months, and during that space your Honours are sensible that a great number of people convened every evening and that by my closs application, attendance and pains the church was brought to such a conformity that their now method of singing is approved by the best judges, that the bringing about of this work putt your Petitioner to a great deal of extraordinary fatigue, and as your Honours are in the knowledge that the severe task was no part of my charge and that I never received any reward for this performance:

May it therefore please your Honours to consider what is sett forth and to allow your Petitioner what your Honours shall see meet for my trouble, pains and attendance in executing the above task, as every burgh in Scotland where this new improvement has been introduced have given great encouragement to the performers of such laudable undertakings and your Petitioner shall ever pray.

(Signed) JAMES CRUDEN.

Elgin, 20 December 1762.—The Council authorize the Treasurer to pay to the Petitioner Two Pounds Sterline as a gratuity for his trouble.

(Signed) ALEX^R. BRODIE.

1763.

September 19th.—Mr. John Cook, master of the Grammar School, resigns.

October 1st.—Paid to James Black for carrying the school bell to Aberdeen to be cast of new on account of her being rent, 17s. 6d.

October 28th. — Mr. Alexander Sheriff, master of the Grammar School of Inverness, appointed master of the Grammar School of Elgin for three years.

1765.

October 24th. — Mr. Alexander Sheriff, master of the Grammar School, resigns, being invited to go to Jamaica. John Milne, late schoolmaster at Clet and presently assistant to Mr. Sheriff, is appointed master of the Grammar School for three years.

1766.

February 10th.—Mrs. Cumming, schoolmistress, receives an advance of £2 to her salary, which will now be £7 per annum.

December 13th. — Mr. William Peterkin, son of James Peterkin, dyster in Elgin, presently schoolmaster at Auldearn, appointed master of the Grammar School for three years, in room of Mr. John Milne deceased.

1769.

October 9th.—William Farquhar, late schoolmaster at Auchterless, appointed master of the Musick School, in place of James Cruden resigned, for three years at a salary of 100 merks Scots per annum and on condition that he shall not procure himself to be licensed as a preacher.

Miss Jean Cumming to be schoolmistress at the yearly salary of £7, being the amount her mother received.

1773.

February 9th. — Alexander Cumming, son of John Cumming, merchant in Elgin, appointed usher in the English School, in room of John Bower, during the Council's pleasure at a salary of £6.

June 14th.—See vol. i., p. 481.

September 1st.—Mr. William Farquhar, present master of the Musick School, appointed master of the Grammar School for three years.

October 7th.—John Anderson, schoolmaster of Fyvie, elected by competition master of the Music School for three years.

1774.

March 25th.—Mr. James Brander of Pitgavenie presented a terrestrial and a celestial globe for the benefit of the rising generation at the publick schools of Elgin.

April 8th.—John Bower appointed usher and assistant to Mr. William Farquhar, master of the Grammar School, at a yearly salary of £6, the number of the scholars now exceeding 60.

November 28th.—John Cormie appointed assistant to Mr. John Anderson, master of the English School, during the pleasure of the Council at an annual salary of £6 and the goodwill of the parents whose children may attend the school.

1775.

February 28th.—Mr. William Farquhar, master of the Grammar School, tenders his resignation.

October 30th.—Mrs. Jean Cumming, schoolmistress, resigns her charge, as she was to change her manner of life, and Janet Charles, daughter of the deceased George Charles, merchant in Elgin, is appointed her successor at a salary of £7 per annum.

1776.

February 19th.—Owing to disputes between the master of the Grammar School and the master of the English School on account of their interfering with one another's province, the Council meantime interpel the master of the Grammar School from teaching English scholars and the master of the English School from teaching Latin, at least taking any new scholars for that purpose.

1777.

March 31st.—George Daun, master of the Grammar School, not having met with the success expected, although his brother, John Daun, has been staying with him as his assistant, for their encouragement the Council appoints the said John Daun his assistant at a salary of £4.

1778.

October 19th.—The Council considering the great loss the young people of this place have repeated times sustained by the masters of the Grammar and English schools their entering upon holy orders, whereby their time and study is diverted from their proper duty and the education of those under their charge overlooked, and considering also that Mr. George Daun, present schoolmaster of this town, is notwithstanding of the injunction given him at his entry entering upon holy orders, therefore enact that how soon he shall be licensed as a preacher the school shall be declared vacant.

1779.

January 12th.—On the petition of John Anderson, master of the English School, the Council appoint that none of the masters of the Grammar School teach English, writing or arithmetic and that none of the masters of the English School teach Lattin, Greek or other foreign language.

January 28th.—The salary of Janet Charles withdrawn, as she gave over the charge of the school on her marriage.

The Council appoint that the master of the Grammar School shall not teach English, writing or arithmetic, except to his schollars who are learning Latin, and that the English schoolmaster shall not teach Latin or any other foreign language, and appoint Mr. Daun to take no girls as schollars to teach them writing and arithmetic.

1780.

June 26th.—Misses Elizabeth and Helen Duffs are admitted as schoolmistresses of this burgh with a yearly salary of £5.

1781.

March 5th.—The Council considering that Mr. George Daun, master of the Grammar School, has contrair to the engagement made by him

taken upon him to enter into holy orders and has not only preached in country parish churches but also in the High Church of Elgin on the Lord's day, find that he has forfeited his engagement and therefore declares the Grammar School vacant from and after 2nd August next.

May 28th.—John Anderson, master of the Musick School, petitioning for an augmentation of salary, the Council allow him £4 9s. 10$\frac{8}{12}$d. sterling additional, making in whole a yearly salary of £10 sterling during the Council's pleasure. A contract to be entered into with him for three years.

1782.

May 2nd.—Mr. Alexander Wilson, late one of the schoolmasters of Banff, appointed master of the Grammar School at an annual salary of £15 on a contract for three years.

August 15th.—The Council considering that the Court of Session had determined the dispute betwixt the Town and Mr. Daun in the Town's favours and that Mr. Daun was willing to leave his charge at Rood day next provided the Council would pay him his salary till that time and not put the Town to the expence of extracting the decreet, they authorize the treasurer to pay Mr. Daun £10 sterline upon receipt and obtaining a renunciation and delivery of the keys and other things under his charge.

1786.

February 6th.—The contract with Mr. Alexander Wilson, master of the Grammar School, renewed for seven years.

The Council considering the fidelity and attention paid by Elizabeth and Helen Duffs in the discharge of their duties as teachers of musick and needlework in this burgh and that Miss Jean Cummine, the former schoolmistress, had £7 of yearly salary, they agree to give Miss Duffs the same.

October 2nd.—Mr. John Dick, late of Hart Street, Covent Garden, a native and educated at the Grammar School of Elgin, gives a legacy of £120, the interest to be paid to the master of the Free Grammar School of Elgin in augmentation of his salary.

1787.

September 17th.—The Council agree to give the Miss Duffs, schoolmistresses here, a spinet for the use of the school and authorize the magistrates to purchase one on the easiest terms.

1788.

September 1st.—Miss Marianne Duff appointed second schoolmistress in room of her sister, Helen Duff, now married, the salary as usual being £7.

1790.

June 26th.—There was presented a petition signed by different burgesses and inhabitants of the town and residenters in the neighbourhood stateing the importance of the education of the rising generation and craveing that the Council would concurr in forming a plan for joining the town's schools together and procuring the usefull and necessary additional teachers in the place as the inhabitants require and the funds will admit of. The Council approve.

October 23rd.—The Council resolve to unite the town's schools and to have a proper school with an able master for English and French grammatically and Church music, a proper master for writing, arithmetic and the elements of mathematics, and a third master for teaching Latin and Greek, and that their several departments be separate. The Council resolve to give the annual sum of £42 sterling, including the present salaries payable to both masters, and to solicit subscriptions from noblemen and others, also to sell the two old schools and erect new ones on a well-aired and centrical place.

1791.

February 16th.—The Council resolve that Mr. Alexander Wilson, Grammar schoolmaster, shall convene his scholars every Sunday in the schoolhouse, teach them the Catechism and go with them regularly to

Church and sitt in the new loft erected for that purpose, certifying him that if he refuses to comply the school will be declared vacant.

March 28th.—The Council approve generally of the representation made to them from a meeting of burgesses with regard to the management of the proposed Academy on the lines of Inverness Academy, and that there be four masters instead of three as formerly proposed, viz. (1) English, French and Church music, (2) Latin and Greek and ancient and modern geography, (3) Arithmetic and Book-keeping, (4) Elements of Mathematics, including geometry, trigonometry, algebra, navigation, surveying, perspective and drawing.

1793.

January 21st.—The Council direct the clerks to notarially intimate to Alexander Wilson of the Grammar School that he has forfeited the continuation of his contract with the Town bearing date 4 May 1782 by entering into holy orders and direct the magistrates to advertise for another schoolmaster.

February 11th.—A petition presented from Alexander Wilson representing against the minute of Council of 21st ultimo and stating his reasons for entering into holy orders and agreeing to desist from preaching so long as he may officiate in the school. The Council therefore allow him to remain in office and require him to convene his scholars every Lord's day and instruct them in the principles of religion and attend divine worship with them in the loft erected for their accommodation.

1795.

March 30th.—The presbytery of Elgin is to visit the Grammar School to-morrow and the Council although the schools of Elgin are no parochial schools yet consent to the presbytery's visiting them as the same may tend to the improvement thereof and direct the provost and magistrates to attend the visitation and examination of the schools.

November 23rd.—A legacy of £50 intimated from Alexander Brander, Esq., of Kinnedore, to the master or teacher of the Grammar School.

1797.

January 24th.—The Council fix the salary of Mr. Alexander Wilson, schoolmaster, at £35, including the interests of the mortifications made by James Leslie, Esq. of Jamaica, Alexander Brander, Esq. of Kinnedar, and John Dick, Esq. of London. Mr. Wilson to pay at his own expense an assistant or usher. The contract with Mr. Wilson to be for three years.

1798.

October 1st.—A legacy of £300 left by Mr. Leslie of Jamaica to the Grammar School received, also £140 interest from 1792 to 1798.

1799.

March 7th.—Mr. Alexander Innes, dean of gild, stated to the Council the ruinous state of the public schoolhouses of the burgh and suggested the propriety of having new ones erected on an enlarged and commodious plan and an additional master appointed. The Council appoint a Committee to draw up a statement of what is required and solicit subscriptions. The Council empower this Committee to subscribe sixty guineas, to be continued annually in defraying the masters' salaries, which sum includes all mortifications made to the schools. The Council to settle with the Guildry Fund for the ground intended for the schools so as the tenant of the land may be warned out.

1800.

May 12th.—The Guildry have granted a feu right of a part of their crofts on the south side of the town, consisting of 47 falls 7 yards, at a yearly feuduty of 20s. for erecting new school buildings. The magistrates submit a plan of three new schools, similar to those at Montrose, amounting to £505 12s. 2d.

November 13th.—The Council authorize the magistrates to sell by public roup the two old schools.

THE SCHOOL.

EXTRACTS FROM PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

1640.

April 9th.—The moderator and brethren went and visited the schoole of Elgine to know and understand the schoolmaister his diligence and the schollers thair progress. They demanded and inquired what everie classe was learning and examined them *ordine*. Thes of the highest classe had learned the 1st and 2nd parts of grammer and for thair author had Virgill his 2nd book of the Æneids. Thes of the 2nd classe war hearing the 2nd part of grammer taught and the 7th book of Ovid his Metamorphosis and war tryed upon the rule *cum substante vocans*. Thes of the 3rd classe war hearing the first part of grammer taught and Ludovicus Viues his Colloquia Scholastica. Thes of the lowest classe was learning the rudiments of grammer. Having be examinatione rune through the fornamed classes the schollers thair progresse was found not altogether such as were to be wished, whilk was imputed to the present troublsome tymes and the untowardnes and insolencie of youthe taking occasione thervpone, heirfor the master was exhorted to tak speciall heed and narrow inspectione to them and give diligence that thair progress may be clearlie seene both in learning and manners.

December 10th.—The school of Elgine was visited. The highest classe was learning the third part of grammar with Horace, the next the second part with the Metamorphoses of Ovid, the third classe was hearing the first part of grammar and Ludovicus Viues his Colloquia Scholastica. These of the 4th and lowest classe the rudiments and Corderius for their author. The next visitatione God willing is to be hade in Marche next 1641.

1649.

July 10th.—It is represented be Mr. Thomas Law, minister at Elgin, that counsell and magistrats had obtruded a young man, Mr. George Cumming, to the Grammer Schooll charge off Elgin without any advyse, consent or approbatione off the presbyterie or any testificat off his former conversatione. Therfor the said Mr. George is cited and compeiring is ordaint in face of presbyterie to desist from any school charge at Elgin without consent and approbation of the presbyterie.

July 18th.—Mr. Thomas Law reported that the counsell of Elgin conveined did acknowledge to him the power of the presbyterie in the admissione of the schoolmaster.

August 23rd.—The brethren vent to the schooll off Elgin after exerceis had and ther in presence of the provost and many of the counsell therof haw hard Mr. George Cumeing, after an oratione had, handle an Ode of Horace grammaticallie, poeticallie, rhetoricallie and logicallie, in all which he gaiv content to all his auditors and being approwen ves admitted to the schoole charge within the said bruch. The said day by advys appointed that a directorie for a methodicall and profitable way off instructing and ruleing the schoolle be drawen vp and that the sam be enjoined be the presbyterie and toune to be keeped be him and all his successors in all tyme cumeing.

September 20th.—The presbyterie takeing to ther serious consideratione the gritt and many impediments quhich hindred the proficiencie off schollers in tyms past in the grammer schoolls did flowe from the want off a richt method and way to be obserwed in teacheing, therfor did recommend to the schoolmasters within the presbyterie the ensueing directorie quhich they ar ordaint to follow in all poynts in all tyme comeing.

A directorie to be obserwed in teacheing off Grammar schooles and overseeing the same.

1. Wpon the Lords day master and schoollers sall convein in schoole at eight hours in the morneing and after prayer in the English tounge to be had be the master the severall classes salbe exerceised in the expositione off ane sacred lesson, quhich hath been taucht tuixt one and tuo hours in the afternoone of the Saturnday immediatelie preceiding,

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to the classes learneing the second part and abowe out off Buchanans Paraphrase of the Pslames, to the classes abow the rudiments out off Ursine or Calvins Catacheism, and such as ar learneing the rudiments in getting be harte som select English Pasalmes or the ordinare allowed Catachesm. 2. Thereafter at the second bell all sall goe in comlie ordour to church, accompanied with master befor and doctors behind if any bee. Again they ar to returne to schoole in the efternoone at the first bell quher they ar to be exerceised till the second bell in readeing ther forsaid sacred lesson and att the second bell to repair to church ordourelie as in the forenoone. Afternoone they sall returne incontinentt after the same ordour with master and doctors to schoole quher after short prayer hade be the master, expressing thanks to God for the libertie off his owne day and vse of his ordinances and supplication for his effectuall blissing vnto them, thereafter the master setting himself in dask and all the schoolers in deep silence he according to his discretione sall call vp som off everie classe and require off them their observations off both the sermons and enlarge points to them occasionallie for ther capacitie as they hawe been taught, and after ane large hours space, haweing straitlie ordaint them to keep within doores exerceised in the studie off ther sacred lessons and meditatione of quhat they haw been heareing, sall dismisse them with psalmes and prayer.

Wpon Moonday (as ewerie week day) schollers convein in schoole be six hours and master not long after and after prayer had be the master they ar to be exerceised in getting be harte the sacred lesson till half sewen. Thereafter the master himself sall cause the supream class rehearse ther sacred lesson and expon the sam and thereafter sall direct of the ablest of the supream class to exact the lyk account of the inferiours, amongs quhom in the tryall he salbe travelling from class to classe to obserw the diligence and dexteritie of the examinators, and this sall continue till halff eight. The master sall goe to dask and injoining deep silence to the whole schoole and beginning at the lowest classe sall teach the whole classes both grammer and author, or if ther be any doctour he sall teach the classes learneing the rudiments and first part and the master himself only all the superiour classes till nyne hours. Then dismissed they ar to returne att ten preceislie, master and schollers, when he is presentlie to heare the supreame classe recognosceing first the expositione off ther precepts either in prosodie,

ortographie or rhetorick according to ther progress, and thereafter the expositione off ther author for the space of ane shortt half houre. Thereafter the examinators appointed for the inferiour classes sall repair to severall classes and exerceise them in the same kynd, the master lookeing on *vt supra*, vntill eleven hours, at quhich tyme the master sall sett himself in dask and injoin *altum silentium*. The inferiour classes vnder the second part receaweing copies (so many as ar beginners in writting either from master, doctor or scholler that hes the best hand without changeing the copie giwer) sall apply themselfs to writting, and the superiour to thes sall haw theams taucht to them out off som classick author, especiallie a Ciceronian, for writting quheroff they sall haw ther theame books and the quantitie off ther theame according to ther progres, and withall the classes that haw learned prosodie sall haw prescrywed to them the matter off tuo verses or moe according to ther progres, at the first begining resolwed in Latin and quhen they ar more exerceised in English quhich they ar to turne in verse, and the count off all to be exacted as followes. The writting to be looked on and censured immediatelie befor tuell. The supream classe sall giw account both of theame and werse to the master himself lykvyse befor tuell, and the inferiors to delyver ther theames ewerie on to ther severall examinators and that befor tuell hours. Then they salbe dismissed till one afternoone, at quhich houre master and schollers sall returne. The master sall conferr with the supream classe vpon the parts of ther precepts and author for the space of ane short half houre. Thereafter the examinators ar to exerceise the severall classes in the sam maner till 2 hours, after quhich tym the whole classes ar to gett ther lessons, both precepts and author, be heart vntill 4 hours so it be not a playday and if a playday at half houre to fyve (and the lessons on playdays to be breiffer) at quhich houre the master sall require of the supream class first a rehearsall of ther precepts and author, then the expositione off and parts off both, and the severall examinators sall exact lyk account of the inferior classes and after count taken of ther lessons examine the theams off ther classes, and this to continue till half six hours, at quhich tym (*altum silentium*) the master sall require an account of the examinators of the deficients and accordinglie censur. After all the master sall read the theam off that day out off the originall, quhich they ar to insert in ther theame books after the English versione. Finallie

the master sall prescryb to ewerie class *pensum matutinum* forth off som place off the grammer and authors formerlie learned in a constant course from the begining to their present lesson, quheroff they ar to giw ane account vpon the morrow at halff sewen, and in end closes the day with singing a paslme and prayer. This ordour to be followed ewerie day vntill Frydday.

Wpon Frydday haweing giwen account of ther *pensum matutinum* at neir aucht hours the master prescrywes theams to the whole classes abow the rudiments and therwith som four or fyw verses to thes quho haw learned the prosodie either hexameter, eligiack or lyrick according to his discretion, quheroff the supream class shall giw account befor tuell hours, and the rest sall delyver [ther theams] at the same tyme to ther antagonists of ther owne class as they ar designed be ther examinators and if ther be ane odde the examinator sall receaw his theame; and the inferiours quho haw no theame sall spend the morning and afternoone in repetition and tuixt ten and tuelf hours in writting. The wholl afternoone spent be the superiors in repetition of the former weeks lessons, quheroff they ar to giw account at half houre to fyw, and after account of the lessons the antagonists correct one anothers theams and verses in the heareing of the master or examinators, after all quhich the theame is read and written from the originall *vt supra* and all appointed to be in readines to disput on the morne with ther severall antagonists vpon the subject of the precepts and author of that week, and so the day closes with psalme and prayer.

Saturnday disputs begin be sewen hours first in the supream classe, the master auditor and the disputers standing on in the one end and the vther in the vther end of the schooll (meanquhill *altum silentium*). Thereafter a litle befor eight the examinators ar auditors of ther severall classes disputs. Befor nyne the master taks account off *victores et victi* and accordinglie praises and censurs. Betuix tenn and tuell all ar taken vp in vritting ther author for the nixt week and a count taken befor tuell hours. At one afternoone all meett, the sacred lessons ar taught, thereafter they ar dismissed to play at tuo afternoon untill fyw, quhen they ar called and a count taken off the generall censure.

A directorie for discipline.

1. Wpon Saturnday a generall censur to be appointed for overseeing the whole schooll the nixt ensueing week as also classicall in ewerie class

for obserweing of absents, suearers, English speakers, perturbers, vagers, the idle, *sero ingredientes*, with other delinquencies within and insolencies without schoole.

2. Wpon Moonday befor lessons be taught a count salbe taken off absents from church and schoole and all misdemeanour vpon the preceiding Lords day and censured severlie.

3. In everie dyett morning befor and afternoone delatione of absents to be made befor dismissing be the classicall censurs and in cace off the censurs absence be the severall examinators, and the absents to be asked for at ther lodgeings after dismission and censured at ther first comeing to schoole.

4. Everie nicht befor dismission ane account to be taken off the censurs both generall and classicall.

5. Playdays only Tuesday and Thursday tuixt tuo and four afternoon and Saturnday tuixt tuo and fywe.

6. The master or doctor to superintend ther play and in ther necessar absence the generall censor.

1650.

February 28th.—Patrick Gordon, sonne to Adam Gordon in Dole in Sutherland, ane highland boy brought over by Sir Robert Gordon to be setled at schoole, the presbytery setle him in Walter Gilzeans house in Elgin and recommend him to the schoolmaster.

1653.

January 26th. — The brethren appointed to wisite the school of Elgine did report that the maister was painfull and the scholars profiting.

1656.

October 8th. — Two baylies of the town of Elgin compeared and presented Mr. William Speed to the presbitry desyring the presbitry to examine his qualification in literature and his fitnes for the charge of the schoole off Elgin.

November 26th.—Mr. William Speed presented testimonials from the Colledge of Old Aberdeen and from Mr. Alexander Seton, minister of Mortleich, and had his tryall the 2nd Ode of Horace, as also a tryall in Buchanans Psalmes *ad aperturam libri.* He was ordained to be admitted to the charge of the grammar schoole of the town of Elgyn and was gravely exhorted to educate the young ones painfullie and diligently in the fear of God and in the knowledge of the Scriptures.

1659.

May 31st.—John Chalmer and David Brodie, commissioners from the Councell of Elgin, desyred the presbytery to appoint a day for visiting the schooll of Elgin, and the presbytery appoint June 16th. On that day the presbytery met with the Provost and baillies. They did particularly inquir concerning Mr. William Speed, schoolmaster, his lyf and conversatione and also concerning the method in teaching and examining his scholars and did take a tryall of the proficiencie of the scholares under his charge and in all thinges they gott verie good satisfactione so that they did judge the young man worthy off all incouragement that may be given him in that charge.

1660.

March 14th.—The presbiterie ordaines Mr. William Speed, schoolmaster at Elgin, to discharg the Marquesse of Huntlie from his school, seeing he joines not with him in prayer and worship of God.

1661.

March 21st.—George Cumming, provost of Elgin, appeared with Mr. George Innes desyring the presbytery to appoint some taske for the said Mr. George who may give some evidence of his abilities for teaching the grammar since the counsel hade given him a call to that effect. The presbytery prescribed the 2nd Ode of Horace 1st booke and ordained the said Mr. George to give account therof this day eight dayes if he found himselfe in a capacitie for it. [Mr. George Innes had his trial continued on March 28th, and was examined and admitted on April 17th].

1677.

March 29th.—Mr. William Cumming, son to John Cumming of Loggie, elected schoolmaster at Elgin, prescribed as trials 22nd Ode of 1st Book of Horace.

May 2nd.—Mr. William Cumming did handle the 22nd Ode of Horace to the satisfaction of the Lord Bishop and brethren and was admitted.

1682.

March 8th.—Master John Stewart, schoolmaster at Urquhart, recommended by the magistrates of Elgin to the presbytery of Elgin for tryall as successor to Master George Stinsone, teacher of the Grammar School, is admitted.

1704.

May 15th.—The magistrates of Elgin petition the presbytery to try some young men's qualifications and fitness to be schoolmaster at Elgin. In presence of the magistrates and a good many of the burgesses concerned the presbytery appointed them to give a specimen of their fitness for teaching a Grammar School by expounding some parts of Erasmus, Buchanan's Chronicles, Sextus Aurelius, Horatius and Virgil. The presbytery having also asked them several questions concerning the grammar and something in authors removed all but members, when the presbytery declared that Mr. Patrick Rose was not fit and Mr. James Cromby, present schoolmaster at Cullen, was fit. The presbytery having called in Mr. James Cromby find that he had subscribed the Confession of Faith and having promised to bring a certificate of his life and conversation they then removed him and called in the magistrates and told them their judgment.

1714.

September 14th.—The presbytery appoint some of their brethren to protest against the illegality of the provost and bailives of Elgin bringing in a schoolmaster contrair to the present Establishment.

December 28th.—At the request of Mr. Archibald Dunbar, provost of Elgin, and Alexander Falconer and William Ross, baillives of the said burrough, the presbytery examined Mr. William Robertson in order to be schoolmaster of this town, which was done and the presbytery having desired him to subscribe the Confession as the confession of his faith he desired till the first presbytery in March to read it seriously and then he would return his answer, which was allowed him.

1715.

March 2nd.—Mr. Robertson is not cleare to subscribe the Confession of Faith upon account of some scruples and craved some time to see if he might be solved of them. The presbytery grant him to 22nd March.

May 10th.—Mr. Robertson, teacher of the Grammar School at Elgin, called but compears not. To be summoned *pro secundo.*

July 26th.—Mr. Robertson gives in what the presbytery call "nothing but shamm reasons" for not compearing. They cite him *pro tertio.*

November 8th. — There being a great confusion in the nation, occasioned by the present rebellion against the King and government, the presbytery could not meet upon the first Tuesday of October last, which was the day the presbytery stood adjourned to.

The presbyterie being certainly informed that Mr. Robertson, teacher of the Grammar School in Elgin, has gone off from the place to the camp of the rebells at Perth under the Earl of Mar's conduct, they therefore drop any further procedure with respect to him.

1716.

February 21st. — The presbytery are informed Mr. Robertson is prisoner in the Castle of Stirling.

December 11th.—Mr. William Shepherd, present schoolmaster at Elgin, declared his readiness to sign the Confession of Faith.

1723.

May 28th.—Bailie James Cramond, in name of the magistrates and Town Council of Elgin, petitions the presbytery to examine candidates at a competition for their Grammar School.

June 25th.—Mr. Alexander Stewart, Mr. John Porteous and Mr. James Man appear for trial. The moderator gave out to the candidates ane argument for a theme and ane version to be returned to, and considered by, the presbytery at 3 aclock this afternoon and appointed to examine them at the same time upon some of the Roman authors. At 3 p.m. the candidates for the school of Elgin having given in their themes and versions to the presbyterie, the brethern examined them upon severals of the Roman authors and also took a specimen of their skill in the Greek language. Thereafter their themes and versions were publickly read and the candidates being removed the presbyterie again read and compared their themes and versions one with another sentence by sentence and having discoursed at full length upon all the parts of their tryals, it was put to the vote which of the three candidates is the most preferable and best qualified whom the presbyterie will recommend to the magistrates and Town Council of Elgin. By a great majority it carried in favours of Mr. John Porteous.

December 31st.—The ministers of Elgin reported that one Mr. Samuel Paplay though he is not tryed and approven by the presbyterie nor has subscribed the Confession of Faith yet teaches a school in the Colledge of Elgin. The presbyterie appoint him to be summoned to next presbyterie.

1724.

February 11th.—Mr. Paply, though summoned thrice, compears not. Mr. William Sanders, writer, appears and promises he will appear at next meeting, as he is gone to Ross upon urgent affairs.

February 25th.—Mr. Paplay compears not. The presbytery appoint that he be prosecuted according to law for his illegal and unwarrantable teaching of a school in Elgin.

March 3rd.—Mr. John Porteous, schoolmaster in Elgin, subscribed the Confession of Faith as the confession of his faith.

April 14th.—The commissioners from this presbytery to the General Assembly are appointed to represent to the Assembly Mr. Meston, a person disaffected to the government in Church and State, his teaching a philosophy school in the Colledge of Elgin, in order to get that grievance redressed.

1730.

March 30th.—The presbytery, on the petition of the magistrates and Town Council of Elgin, appoint a day for a competition to supply the vacancy in the school of Elgin.

May 5th.—Competition at Elgin. Compeared Mr. Colin Falconer, late Doctor of the school of Cannongate, Mr. Gilbert Stirling, schoolmaster at Slains, Mr. William Keith, schoolmaster at Aberlour, Mr. William Gordon, schoolmaster at Carnie, Mr. Henry Innes in Elgin and Mr. James Miln, schoolmaster at Dipple. The moderator did dictate an argument to them and a part of a speech out of Sallust for a version, both these pieces of tryals to be finished against the afternoon, till which time they were enclosed and the presbytery adjourned.

Post meridiem. The candidates for the school of Elgin gave in their themes and versions, which were examined, and all of them separately expounded the same part of Virgil, Horace and Erasmus, with the analysis, and then the presbytery having considered their several performances judged them all young men of promising qualifications but unanimously gave the preference to Mr. William Gordon and declared him to be the fittest person for being schoolmaster at Elgin.

1732.

March 23rd.—Visitation of School of Elgin. All concerned being thrice called at the school door and Baillies James Innes and Robert Duff having appeared, the presbytery took full trial of the scholars as to their proficiency in the Latin tongue, and Mr. William Gordon was removed and the scholars were interrogat anent his attendance, diligence in instructing them in the principles of the Christian religion and the other ordinary questions, and their answers were heard, and Mr. Gordon was approven and being called in this was intimat to him.

1735.

June 3rd.—Mr. James Cruickshank, teacher of the Grammar School of Elgin, after the presbytery had conferred with the magistrates, is required to attend the presbytery to discourse him anent his settlement etc. The magistrates are willing to do as other royal burghs do.

July 1st.—The presbytery intimate to Mr. James Cruickshank, teacher of the school of Elgin, who compeared, to produce the contract between the magistrates and Town Council of Elgin whereby he is teacher there.

August 5th.—Compeared Mr. James Cruickshank, teacher of the Grammar School of Elgin, who reports that the magistrates of Elgin do not incline to give him an extract of their contract with him.

1736.

March 16th.—The presbytery send a representation to the magistrates of Elgin anent their legal rights to judge of the qualifications of the schoolmaster of Elgin etc.

1739.

March 20th.—Mr. James Cruickshank, teacher of the Grammar School of Elgin, is deposed by the presbytery for a breach of the seventh commandment.

1740.

February 26th.—Mr. James Cruickshank continues contumacious to the presbytery's sentence.

1741.

August 4th.—A summons for removing Mr. James Cruickshank from the school of Elgin to be execute against the magistrates of Elgin and him according to directions, received from the Procurator of the Church.

1746.

November 18th.—Mr. William Cruden, student in divinity, late schoolmaster at Tyrie, and last from the parish of Kinloss, petitioned to be examined by the presbytery as he was to teach English, writing and arithmetic in the town of Elgin. He has received the keys of the musick school from the magistrates of Elgin and agreed with them to teach the musick school.

1747.

January 20th.—Mr. William Cruden examined and admitted a teacher of the English school in Elgin.

Teachers of private schools . . . in Elgin Alexander Nicol in the town of Elgin, Alexander Hay in Whitewrea, Alexander Harold in Pluscarden.

1748.

March 1st.—Articles of agreement between the magistrates and presbytery of Elgin anent the Grammar School:—(1) the magistrates to appoint the teacher but he to be tryed by the presbytery as to his literature and qualifications; (2) if the schoolmaster be negligent or commit any trespass the magistrates not to interfere in matters purely ecclesiastical and the presbytery not to interfere in matters civil or criminal; (3) the presbytery to visit the school as often as they find convenient and give directions for promoting learning, piety and virtue, and the magistrates and Town Council may do the same and give such directions as suit the place.

November 29th.—The magistrates of Elgin, designing to employ Mr. John Cruden to teach the musick school in Elgin, require the presbytery to try him as to his piety and literature for that purpose. He is found qualified.

1751.

July 9th, 3 p.m.—Visitation of School of Elgin by presbytery and magistrates and some other gentlemen in the town. Mr. James Monro, master of the school, examined the school. The first class expounded a portion of the authors they are learning and wrote a theme, the second class expounded a part of the authors they are learning, analized and instead of a theme turned some sentences of an English book into Latin. The rest of the classes were examined. They were also examined as to their knowledge of the principles of the Christian religion. Mr. Monro approven.

1755.

August 19th.—Mr. John Cook, late schoolmaster of Cullen, admitted schoolmaster of Elgin.

1756.

December 7th.—John Petrie appointed to teach a Charity School in Pluscarden under the Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge at a salary of £8 Stg.

1757.

October 11th.—The Town Council have appointed Mr. James Crouden to the music school.

1758.

December 6th.—A Committee of presbytery visited the Charity School at Barnhill in Pluscarden: 44 scholars in all, viz. 24 boys of whom 12 read the Bible, write and cipher, and the rest read some the New Testament, some the Catechism; and 20 girls of whom some read the Bible, some the New Testament, and others the Catechism. The Committee approved.

1759.

March 6th.—Letter from Francis Stuart of Lesmurdie, factor to Lord Braco, proposing to remove the school at Barnhill of Pluscarden to Burnside of Miltown.

September 28th.—The Society appoint that John Petrie teach the school for a year at Burnside of Miltown.

1760.

December 6th.—72 scholars at the visitation of the Charity School at Miltown (48 boys, 24 girls): 20 read the Bible, 17 the New Testament, and 7 the Proverbs, 28 are learning to read the Catechism. Besides reading, about 5 are learning to write and cipher. There are also 17

servant lads and boys that attend the school in the winter evenings. The books supplied by the Society are 10 Spelling books, 23 Testaments, 14 Proverbs, 15 Mother's Catechisms and 9 Vincent's Catechisms.

1761.

March 17th.—Visitation of the Charity School at Milton:—54 on roll, of whom 3 are absent: 14 read in the Bible, of whom 9 were learning to write, the parents of the other 5 could not afford them paper, pens and ink; 19 in the New Testament, 9 in the Proverbs; all the rest reading either the Catechism or learning the letters. Only one is learning arithmetic, as the parents being poor they could not afford to let their children stay at school after they learned to read and write. The scholars are also taught church music and sung several of the church tunes. The school partly fell in the late stormy weather and is not fully repaired, hence the scholars are fewer this visitation.

1762.

February 2nd.—Mr. John Petrie teaches the Charity School, at which are 74 scholars, also 40 men, young and old, meet in the schoolhouse in the evenings and spend some hours in reading, writing, ciphering and learning church music. George Shephered is appointed by the S.P.C.K. to teach a school at Greenbrae (Greenhead) in the parish of Elgin, at a salary of £10.

1763.

April 5th.—Petition from the inhabitants of the Glen of Pluscardine to have the Charity School ambulatory so as now again to be at Barnhill, the children at Miltown (where the school has been for four years) having made good progress in their learning. The presbytery agree.

1764.

January 31st.—At Greenhead school are 56 scholars; 16 read the Bible and write, 8 read the Bible and cipher, 12 read the New Testament, 10 read the Catechism, the rest learn A B C. At Barnhill school are 54 scholars (12 are syllabing the Catechism).

1771.

May 14th.—The presbytery recommend David Hardie as teacher of the Society's School in Pluscarden.

1772.

November 3rd.—The S.P.C.K. continue David Hardie at Milton and withdraw the school at Greenhead.

1774.

April 5th.—The Society will suppress the Charity School in the parish of Elgin after end of April and will try to provide David Hardie to another school.

1795.

March 31st.—The presbytery in presence of the provost, the magistrates and a great number of the most respectable inhabitants of the town examined the Grammar School of Elgin. The presbytery give their highest approbation to Mr. Alexander Wilson's most excellent method of teaching. The magistrates in testimony of their approbation order a present of books to be distributed among the boys and an extract of the presbytery's minute to be insert in the *Aberdeen Journal*.

THE SCHOOL.

LIST OF SCHOOLMASTERS.

In this list, G.S. means master of the Grammar School, which was in existence before the Reformation; and S.S. means master of the Sang, or Music, or English School, which came into existence in 1594 when King James granted to the Town Council the hospital of Maisondieu, with all its lands and revenues, for the support of a preceptor and certain bedemen, the preceptor to be a schoolmaster qualified to teach music and other liberal arts and also bound to serve in the church as required. Under the latter condition the master of the Music School was precentor and (after 1609) session clerk.

1550. Mr. John Lowis (G.S.).
1566. Mr. Patrick Balfour (G.S.).
1576. John Forrester (G.S.).
1582. Mr. Thomas Moig (G.S.).
1590. Mr. William Clerk (G.S.).
1595. William Fraser (S.S.).
1596. George Annand (G.S.).
1597. George Douglas (S.S.).
1600. Mr. Thomas Mauld (G.S.).
1603. John Mow (S.S.).
1604. George Douglas (G.S. and S.S.).
1607. Mr. John Stewart (G.S.).
1609. George Douglas (S.S.).
1612. Mr. William Dunbar (G.S.).
1615. Mr. Alexander Gordon (G.S.).
1616. Mr. John Turing (G.S.).

1619. Mr. John Allan (G.S.)
1620. David Cowy (assistant S.S.).
1622. John Schilps (assistant S.S.).
1624. Mr. Gilbert Anderson (G.S.).
1625. David Murray (S.S.).
1629. Mr. John Duff (G.S.).
1633. Mr. James Strachan (G.S.).
1640. William Murray (S.S.).
1649. Mr. George Cumming (G.S.).
1654. Alexander King (S.S.).
1656. Mr. William Speed (G.S.).
1657. William Murray (S.S.).
1658. Thomas Innes (S.S.).
1661. Mr. George Innes (G.S.).
1668. Mr. George Cumming (G.S.).
1672. Mr. John Wilson (G.S.).
1673. Isobel Smith (schoolmistress).
1677. William Cuming (G.S.).
1680. Mr. George Steinson (G.S.).
1681. John Taylor (S.S.).
1682. Mr. John Stewart (G.S.).
1687. Mr. Thomas Jaffray (G.S.).
1689. Mr. John McKean (G.S.).
1690. Mr. Alexander Russell (G.S.).
1694. Mr. George Stephen (G.S.).
1695. Mr. Alexander Duncan (G.S.).
1696. Mr. William Cuming (S.S.).
1697. Mr. Hugh Tod (G.S.).
1704. Mr. Thomas Gordon (G.S.).
1705. Mr. James Crombie (G.S.).
1709. Alexander Monro (S.S.).
1711. Alexander Roust (S.S.).
1714. Mr. William Robertson (G.S.).
1716. Mr. William Ogilvie (G.S.).
1716. Mr. William Shepherd (G.S.).
1722. Mrs. Ramsay (schoolmistress).
1723. Mr. John Porteous (G.S.).

1724. Mr. William Meston (private teacher).
1724. Elizabeth Cheyn (private music teacher).
1724. Hary Innes (doctor G.S.).
1724. Robert Whitingdale (private teacher).
1727. Mr. Alexander Stewart (G.S.).
1730. Mr. William Gordon (G.S.).
1730. James Gow (at Pluscarden).
1733. Hary Innes (G.S.).
1733. Janet Dickson (Mrs. Paterson, spinmistress).
1733. Alexander Allan (at Pluscarden).
1734. Mr. James Cruickshank (G.S.).
1734. William Russell (private teacher).
1737. Alexander Roust, junior (S.S.).
1738. William Henderson (doctor G.S.).
1743. Alexander Roust and Alexander Cantly (S.S.).
1745. Mr. James Munro (G.S.).
1746. Mr. William Cruden (S.S.).
1747. Alexander Nicol (private teacher).
1747. Alexander Harald (at Pluscarden).
1747. Alexander Hay (at Whitewray).
1747. John Petrie (at Pluscarden).
1748. John Cruden (S.S.).
1753. Mrs. Hutton (Helen Gray, schoolmistress).
1755. Mr. John Cook (G.S.).
1756. Mrs. Elizabeth Cuming (schoolmistress).
1757. Mr. James Cruden (S.S.).
1757. William Aiken (assistant S.S.).
1759. John Roy (assistant S.S.).
1760. William Cramond (assistant S.S.),
1761. John Livie (assistant G.S.).
1761. Robert Alves (assistant G.S.).
1762. George Shepherd (at Greenhead).
1763. Alexander Sheriff (G.S.).
1765. John Milne (G.S.).
1766. Mr. William Peterkin (G.S.).
1769. Mr. William Farquhar (S.S.).
1769. Miss Jean Cuming (schoolmistress).

1769. John Bower (assistant S.S.).
1771. David Hardie (at Pluscarden).
1773. Alexander Cumming (assistant S.S.).
1773. Mr. William Farquhar (G.S.).
1773. Mr. John Anderson (S.S.). [On institution of Elgin Academy in 1801 English Master therein, and in same year Latin Master on Wilson's resignation.]
1774. John Bower (assistant G.S.).
1774. John Cormie (assistant S.S.).
1775. Mr. George Daun (G.S.).
1775. Miss Janet Charles (schoolmistress).
1777. John Daun (assistant G.S.).
1780. Misses Elizabeth and Helen Duff (schoolmistresses).
1782. Mr. Alexander Wilson (G.S.). [On institution of Elgin Academy in 1801 Latin Master therein, and resigned in same year on becoming minister of Aberlour.]
1788. Miss Marianne Duff (schoolmistress in room of her sister, Helen).

APPENDICES.

CHARTERS.—BURGESS ROLL.—PROVOSTS.—DR. ARTHUR JOHNSTON'S EPIGRAM ON ELGIN.

APPENDICES.

Appendix A.

See vol. i., p. 10. At Elgin on 26th July, 1296, Robert, Bishop of Glasgow, gave in his homage to the King of England. On 27th July, at Elgin, the following gave in their homage: Alexander, Earl of Menteith, Sir Thomas de Soules, John Wychard, Gervays de Rate, Alexander de Ergayle, Alexander Comyn, and Nicholas de Soules.

Item eodem die et loco . . . Burgenses de Elgyn en Morref supradicte et ipsius ut dicebant ciuitatis communitas necnon et quidam alius Alanus de Morref nomine venerunt ad fidem et uoluntatem domini Regis Angliae memorati, non vi nec metu coacti dicebant sed spontanei, et confederacionis contractus, conuenciones et pacta si que unquam suo nomine cum Rege Francorum inite extitissent contra dictum dominum suum Regem Angliae quantum in ipsis fuit et ipsos contingebant reuocantes penitus et anullantes eisdem vi, forme et effectui earundem cum omni commodo quod exinde sibi poterat prouenire sponte, pure et absolute expresse renunciarunt et tactis sacrosanctis et osculatis Dei euangeliis eidem domino Regi Angliae in forma subscripta fidelitatem fecerunt et super fidelitate sua facta suas patentes litteras suis sigillis pendentibus consignatas, quarum tenor est talis :—A touz ceaus qui cestes lettres verront ou orront les Burgois é la comunaute de la vile de Elgyn en Morref saluz. Pur ceo qe nous sumes venuz á la foi é a la volunte du tresnoble Prince nostre chier Seigneur Edward par la grace Dieu Roi Dengleterre, Seignor Dirland é Ducs Daquitaigne nous promettoms pur nous é pur nos heirs sur peine de cors é dauoir é sur quant qe nous peussoms encoure qe nous li seruiroms bien é leaument contre totes gentz qui purront viure é morir totes les foiz qe nous serroms requis ou garniz de par nostre Seigneur le Roi Dengleterre auantdit ou par ses heirs é qe nous leur damage ne sauroms qe nous nel destorbeoms á tot nostre poer é le leur faceoms á sauoir. E á cestes choses tenir é garder nous obligeoms nous é nos heirs é touz nos biens é outre ces auoms jurez sur seintes euangeiles. En tesmoignance de queu chose nous auoms fait faire cestes lettres ouertes sealéés de nostre commun seal. Donéés á Elgyn en Morreu.

On 28th July, the following tendered submission: Sir John de St. Michael, Sir Robert of Normanuill, Sir Donald, son of Can, and Sir Adam Gordon, William Wiseman, John de Montford, Alexander de Hateleye, James, son of Geoffrey of Ros senior, Reginald of St. Michael, James, son of Geoffrey of Ros junior, Robert de Trembleye, Aylmer Comyn, William de Lasceles, and Gilbert de Southeyk. On 29th July, the following also submitted at Elgin: John Wychard of the Miernes, Andrew, son of Geoffrey of Ros, Alexander of Hoggeston, and William de Tattenel.

Appendix B.

See vol. i., p. 11. A complete copy of the agreement of 1330 will be found in Cosmo Innes's *Familie of Innes* (Spalding Club), pp. 57-9, and also a copy of a similar agreement in 1272, pp. 54-6. Copies of these agreements are also given in Macphail's *History of Pluscardyn*, pp. 210-3.

Appendix C.

See vol. i., p. 17, and illustration in vol. i., p. 40. Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Johannes de Dunbarr comes Morauie eternam in Domino salutem. Cum per tres mortalitates preteritas et oppressiones varias diuersorum post obitum dominorum quondam auunculorum nostrorum Thome et Johannis Ranulphi comitum Morauie qui pro defensione regni et rei publice in bellis ceciderunt burgum nostrum de Elgyn in edificiis pro magna parte corruerit burgensesque partim mortui et alii affecti oneribus vix valeant suam vitam et statum sustinere nos volentes dictum burgum et burgenses et ipsorum statum releuare ad ipsorum requestum humilem et supplicacionem deuotam seruisiam assise solitam quondam constabulario castri nostri de Elgyn de singulis exceptis priuilegiatis seruisiam in burgo ipso vendentibus persolui de cuius solucione ipsum burgum et burgenses multum grauati fuerant ipsis et communitati dicti burgi pro se et suis successoribus inperpetuum ex speciali gratia remittimus et donamus pie et irreuocabiliter pro nobis et heredibus nostris et successoribus comitibus Morauie ita quod nunquam decetero exigatur et vt constet omnibus nos voluntarie hanc gratiam seu priuilegium dictam seruisiam assise non soluendi dicte communitati fecisse et concessisse obligamus nos heredes nostros et successores comites Morauie warantizare et defendere ipsis istam nostram donacionem contra omnes homines et feminas et vniuersitates inperpetuum et in casu quo ipsi burgenses vel communitas trahantur in iudicium circa huiusmodi

vel vexentur nos subrogamus et assignamus eis centum solidos de firma dicti burgi nobis debitos annuatim retinendos per ipsos in loco ipsius seruisie donec per nos heredes nostros et successores comites Morauie repositi fuerint in plena et pacifica possessione eiusdem et hoc tociens quociens ipsos super hoc contigerit molestari. In quorum omnium testimonium sigillum nostrum magnum presentibus fecimus apponi vnacum sigillo coniugis nostre domine Mariorie et cum sigillo domini Thome de Dunbarr filii nostri et heredis consenciencium ad premissa. Presentibus Reuerendis in Christo patribus dominis Alexandro Dei gratia episcopo Morauiensi Adam eadem gratia Abbate de Kynlos Religioso viro dompno Thoma priore de Pluscardyne magistris Willelmo de Spyny precentore Willelmo de Cheshelme thesaurario ecclesie Morauiensis tunc cancellario nostro Dominis Johanne de Haya domino de Tulybothuyle Roberto de Cheshelme domino eiusdem militibus Hugone Fraser domino de le louet Johanne de Dolas domino eiusdem Alexandro de Ines domino eiusdem et multis aliis testibus ad premissa. Datum apud Elgyn primo die mensis Maij anno Domini millesimo CCC$^{mo.}$ nonagesimo.

One seal is in fair condition, and shows the word "Dunbarr," another has the third part of the wax gone, and the third is gone.

Appendix D.

See vol. i., p. 19. The note (*) with relative paragraph on that page should be deleted. There is no charter of date 23rd May, 1393. Dr. Cramond was misled by trusting to an erroneous entry in an old inventory of charters.

Appendix E.

See vol. i., p. 20. Robertus Dei gratia Rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem. Sciatis quod deputauimus dilectos et fideles nostros Magistrum Symonem de Ketnes decanum Aberdonensem et Johannem filium Walteri ad cognoscendum coram eis et debite terminandum per assisam fidelium tam regni quam regalitatis Morauie de piscatione aque de Lossy quia Comes Morauie dicit esse suam et burgensium suorum de Elgyne et episcopus Morauiensis dicit ad ipsum et ecclesiam suam pertinere cuius sit et fuerit tempore quondam Thome Ranulphi Comitis Morauie necnon ad cognoscendum et debite terminandum super lite orta constituta inter dictos burgenses ex parte vna et Adam de Dundurkus ex alia Quare omnibus et singulis justiciariis nostris ecclesieque fidelibus quorum

interest et interesse poterit damus tenore presencium firmiter in mandatis quatinus eisdem Symoni et Johanni in omnibus et singulis ad cognitionem et terminationem dictarum causarum spectantibus respondeantur pareant et intendant et ab aliis prompte faciant responderi sub pena que debita et poterit inde sequi. Datum sub testimonio nostri magni sigilli apud Edynburgh sexto decimo die Julij anno regni nostri tercio decimo.

Appendix F.

See vol. i., p. 21. Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem. Sciatis nos dilectos et fideles nostros prepositum balliuos burgenses et communitatem burgi nostri de Elgin suaque burgagia aliasque suas terras redditus firmas burgales et vniuersas eorundem possessiones eorumque tenentes dictum burgum inhabitantes ac omnia bona sua mobilia et immobilia sub firma pace et protectione nostra iuste suscepisse. Quare firmiter inhibimus ne quis ei malum molestiam iniuriam seu gravamen aliquod inferre presumat iniuste super nostram plenariam forisfacturam In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras sibi fieri fecimus patentes apud Abirdene octauo die mensis Nouembris anno regni nostri vicesimo primo.

Ratificatione grantit be King James ratifieing King Alexander and King Roberts Rights daitit 1457. (In modern hand :—This is the first charter mentioning lands in particular in the Towns Charter Chest.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem. Quia considerauimus infeodationes concessiones et donaciones per quondam serenissimos principes Alexandrum et Robertum aliosque nostros antecessores Scotorum Reges factas et concessas burgo nostro de Elgin et burgensibus et inhabitantibus ipsum nostrum burgum volentes ipsas infeodationes roborare fortificare et renouare dedimus et concessimus ac presentis carte nostre tenore damus et concedimus dictis burgensibus et inhabitantibus dictum burgum plenam libertatem facultatem ac plenariam et omnimodam potestatem ut ipsi nostri burgenses dicti nostri burgi habeant teneant et possideant suas infeodationes libertates et preuilegia adeo libere sicut infeodati sunt in burgis burgagiis terris suis de Mostowy et Deuellegreine vnacum le Greschip dicti burgi cum marresia sua de Strakant et quibuscumque aliis terris redditibus possessionibus libertatibus et preuilegiis quibuscumque Tenendas et habendas dictas terras vnacum gillda tolloneis cum le Greschip et marresia predicta ac cum omnibus aliis suis terris redditibus possessionibus preuilegiis libertatibus et iustis rectitudinibus de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris Regibus Scotorum in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum cum libero introitu et

Arms of Alex. Stewart, Earl of Mar

Doorway in Calder House

Chair made from wood of old St. Giles Church

An old Speyquarch

[illegible]

exitu in portubus de Lossy et Spey . . . Approbamus etiam ratificamus et pro nobis et successoribus nostris pro perpetuo confirmamus omnes et singulas infeodationes donaciones concessiones libertates et preuilegia per nostros predecessores Scotorum reges factas burgensibus supradictis iuxta dictarum infeodationum continencia et tenorem saluis nobis et successoribus nostris juribus et seruiciis nostris debitis et consuetis In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus Reverendo in Cristo patre Georgio episcopo Brechinensi cancellario nostro dilectis consanguineis nostris Alexandro Comite de Huntlye et domino Badinoche Alexandro domino Montgumry Patricio domino Glammis Jacobo domino Forbes magistris Jacobo Stuart decano Morauiensi et Thoma Wauss decano Glascuensi nostris thesaurario et secretario domino Niniano Spott nostrorum compotorum rotulatore Apud Abbirdon quinto die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo septimo et regni nostri vicesimo primo.

Hec est vera copia Literarum Regiarum principalium copiatarum per me dominum Wilhelmum Roberti presbyterum Morauiensis diocesis apostolica auctoritate notarium publicum nil addendo aut minuendo ad instanciam honorabilis viri David Douglas prepositi de Elgin balliuorum et communitatis eiusdem ideoque hanc presentem copiam veraciter copiaui . . .

Appendix G.

See vol. i., p. 21. Confirmatione of the Gildrie of Elgin from Archibald, Earle of Douglas (1451).

Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Archibaldus de Douglas comes Morauie salutem in Domino sempiternam. Sciatis nos vidisse palpasse perlegisse examinasse et ad plenum intellexisse quasdam cartas seu literas quondam serenissimi principis Alexandri Dei gratia Regis Scotorum illustris in pergameno scriptas suo sigillo regio cera alba cum cauda pendente ut moris est sigillatas et roboratas sanas et integras non rasas non cancellatas omni prorsus vicio et suspicione carentes quarum quidem literarum tenor de verbo in uerbum sequitur et est talis: Alexander Dei gratia Rex Scotorum [etc., as in vol. i., p. 8]. Quasquidem cartas seu literas nos Archibaldus Comes Morauie antedictus in omnibus punctis suis et articulis forma pariter et effectu prout in eisdem continetur pro nobis et heredibus nostris approbamus ratificamus et in perpetuum confirmamus per presentes. Volumus insuper et concedimus quod prepositus et balliui dicti burgi de Elgin qui pro tempore fuerint omnes et singulos tam in burgo quam extra ipsius burgi libertatem aut suam gildam mercatricem quouis

modo iniuriantes aut forisfacientes juste prosequantur et puniant prout jus sui burgiagii gilde et libertatis postulat ac ordo iuris exigit et requirit. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum apud Elgin vicesimo septimo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo primo.

An old seal is affixed to the tag in a reversed manner, with wax, which bears on it the modern initials "J. G." and the Gordon motto "Bydand," surmounted by a deer's head as crest. The old seal is that of Archibald, Earl of Douglas, and bears the inscription, "S. ARCHIBALDI DOVGLAS CITIS (COMITIS) MO . ."

See illustration, vol i., p. 80. Confirmation by Thomas de Dunbar, Earl of Moray (1396).

Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Thomas de Dunbarr comes Morauie salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noueritis nos cartam bone memorie Alexandri regis Scottorum illustris quondam burgo et burgensibus de Elgyne factam non rasam non abolitam non cancellatam nec in alia sui parte suspectam sed omni vicio prorsus et suspicione carentem vt prima facie apparebat cum omni diligencia inspexisse et examinasse cuius tenor talis est de verbo ad verbum: Alexander Dei gratia Rex Scottorum [etc., as in vol. i., p. 8]. Quamquidem cartam in omnibus suis punctis et articulis libertatibus et aysiamentis in omnibus et per omnia ratificamus approbamus et quatenus in nobis est tenore presencium pro nobis et heredibus nostris imperpetuum confirmamus. Volumus eciam et per presentes promittimus et concedimus quod si aliqua lis controuersia vel questio ante ista tempora inter nos et predictos burgenses nostros mota sit vel exorta quod omnino sopiatur deleatur et remoueatur et quod ipsi gubernentur et viuant secundum leges consuetudines et libertates burgorum per totum regnum Scocie constitutorum hactenus rite et juste vsitatas et approbatas et ipsos in eisdem legibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus manutenebimus imperpetuum et defendemus. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum autenticum presentibus apponi fecimus apud Elgyne vicesimo secundo die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo CCC$^{mo.}$ nonagesimo sexto. The seal, with the inscription, "S. THOME DE DUNBARR," is in perfect condition.

APPENDIX H.

See vol. i., p. 42. Dauid etc. . . . Sciatis nos quasdam literas Alexandri Regis Scocie predecessoris nostri non rasas etc. vidisse diligenter et intellexisse tenorem qui sequitur continentes . . . Alexander Dei gratia Rex Scottorum vicecomiti et balliuis de Elgyne salutem. Mandamus vobis et precipimus quatinus de fermis ballie vestre de Elgyne fratribus predicatoribus

eiusdem loci persoluatis singulis annis ad festum Sancti Martini in yeme duas celdras frumenti et duas celdras ordei et vnam celdram brasei quas eis ad sustentacionem eorum inperpetuum percipiendum dedimus Et nos predictas duas celdras frumenti et duas celdras ordei et vnam celdram brasei vobis in compotis vestris faciemus singulis annis allocari per literas eorundem fratrum de Recepto . . . Testibus Alexandro Comyne comite de Buchane iusticiario et constabulario Scocie, Donaldo comite de Marr, Ingeramo de Gynys, Reginaldo Le Chyne militibus Apud Kyntor xxix° die Marcij Anno regni nostri trecesimo sexto: Quasquidem literas donacionemque et concessionem in eisdem contentas in omnibus punctis suis et articulis condicionibus et modis ac circunstanciis suis quibuscunque forma pariter et effectu in omnibus et per omnia approbamus ratificamus et pro nobis et heredibus nostris in perpetuum confirmamus . . . apud Edynburgh xx die mensis Aprilis anno regni nostri tricesimo nono *(Reg. Mag. Sig.*, 50, 149).

Appendix I.

See vol. i., p. 42. Robertus Dei gracia etc. dilecto filio nostro, Roberto comiti de ffyf et de Menteth, Camerario nostro Scocie, salutem. Mandamus vobis et precipimus quatenus dilecto filio nostro, Johanni comiti morauie, literas vestras penes ipsum perpetuo remansuras et ad custumarios nostros quorum intererit dirigendas ad faciendum ipsum comitem morauie de centum libris sterlingorum de magna custuma nostra burgorum de Elghin et de fores annuatim hereditarie deseruiri, secundum tenorem carte nostre quam inde habet, fieri faciatis indilate . . . apud Edynburg sexto die Januarij anno regnj nostri quartodecimo *(Reg. Mag. Sig.*, 172, 15).

Robertus Dei gracia etc. . . . Sciatis quod cum nos alibi concesserimus dilecto filio nostro, Johanni comiti morauie, pro suo seruicio nobis impenso et impendendo centum libras sterlingorum de magna custuma nostra burgi nostri de Abirden, Tenendas et habendas eidem Johanni et heredibus suis inter ipsum et Marioriam filiam nostram legitime procreatis seu procreandis, per manus camerarii nostri qui pro tempore fuerit, in feodo et hereditate annuatim ad duos anni terminos consuetos pentecostes et sancti martini in hieme per equales porciones, Reddendo inde et heredibus nostris dictus Johannes et heredes sui predicti annuatim apud Abirden ad festum pentecostes vnum par calcarium deauratorum nomine albe ferme tantum pro omnibus aliis seruiciis exaccionibus consuetudinibus seu demandis quae de dicta pecunie summa exigi poterunt seu requiri: Nos ad instanciam dicti filii nostri, et cum consensu karissimi progeniti nostri, Johannis Comitis de Carric senescalli Scocie, dictarum centum librarum percepcionem

annuatim de burgo predicto de Abirden mutauimus et transtulimus ad villam de Elghin et ad villam de fores infra vicecomitatem de Inuirnys: Ita quod idem filius noster annuatim et hereditarie dictas centum libras de magna custuma proueniente de villis eisdem percipiat modo et forma quibus illas de magna custuma burgi de Abirden ante mutacionem et translacionem huiusmodi percipere consuevit . . . apud Edynburgh vi^to^ die Januarij anno regni nostri quartodecimo (*Reg. Mag. Sig.*, 173, 16).

Appendix K.

See illustration, vol. i., p. 104. Warrant by Earl of Moray for recovery of debts due to the burgh of Elgin (1396).

Thomas de Dunbare Comes Morauie justiciariis vicecomitibus prepositis et eorum balliuis infra regalitatem nostram constitutis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem. Mandamus vobis et precipimus quatinus omnes illos in balliis vestris seu burgis qui debita debent aldirmanno et communitati burgi de Elgyn ad eadem debita eidem aldirmanno et communitati uel eorum actornato latori presencium soluenda secundum quod idem aldirmannus et communitas uel eorum actornatus dicta debita eisdem deberi coram vobis legitime probare poterit prout justum fuerit compellatis ita quod pro defectu vestro amplius inde justam querimoniam non audiamus presentibus post annum minime valituris. Datum sub sigillo nostro apud Elgyn xviij die mensis Januarij anno Domini millesimo CCC° nonagesimo sexto.

Appendix L.

See illustration, vol. i., p. 16. Confirmatio Dauid regis carte fratribus predicatoribus sui progenitoris de decem marcis de Aberkerdor (1358).

Dauid Dei gratia Rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue salutem. Sciatis nos approbasse ratificasse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse donationem illam et concessionem quam recolende memorie dominus progenitor noster fecit et concessit religiosis viris fratribus predicatoribus de Elgyne de decem marcis sterlingorum annuatim percipiendis de thanagio de Aberkerdore infra vicecomitatum de Banff Tenendam et habendam eisdem religiosis et eorum successoribus in liberam puram et perpetuam elimosinam adeo libere et quiete plenarie integre et honorifice in omnibus et per omnia sicut carte et euidencie quas inde habent in se plenius iuste continent et proportant et etiam adeo libere sicut aliqua elimosina in regno Scocie aliquibus religiosis concessa ab aliquibus personis liberius tenetur seu quiecius possidetur. In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte confirmacionis nostre sigillum nostrum precepimus

apponi Testibus venerabili in Christo patre Patricio episcopo Brechinensi cancellario nostro Roberto senescallo Scocie comite de Stratherne nepote nostro Thoma comite de Marre Roberto de Erskyn et Johanne de Preston militibus. Apud Sconam sexto decimo die Nouembris anno regni nostri vicesimo nono.

Appendix M.

Burgess Roll.

No formal roll or book of burgesses having been kept, this list, consisting mainly of honorary burgesses, has been compiled from the Burgh and Court Books, tavern and other bills, and other sources, and is admittedly imperfect. Regarding the Provost's Burgess, see vol. i., pp. 254, 275, 367, 469, 492.

1541. Alexander Malcolm (1).
1542. James Watt (2).
" William Hay (3).
1545. Alexander Sutherland of Duffus (4).
1549. William Hardy (5).
" James Gaderar (6).
1551. Vincent Robertson (7).
" Francis Johnston (8).
1552. David Young (9).
" Giles Taylor (10).
1554. James Gibson (11).
1581. James Cadell (12).
1623. John, Earl of Rothes (13).
1636. Alexander Culback (14).
1637. John Adam.
1638. John Rose of Breadleys (15).
" William Hay (16).
1642. Alexander Russell (17).
" William Russell in Pittendreich (18).
1643. Alexander McKenzie (19).

(1) Vol. i., p. 63. (2) Vol. i., p. 67. (3) Vol. i., p. 71. (4) Vol. i., p. 85. (5) Vol i., p. 96. (6) Vol. i., p. 99. (7) Vol. i., p. 107. (8) "For the quhilk he sall mak the comound wax of this burgh for tua yeris," vol. i., p. 112. (9) Vol. i., p. 114. (10) Vol. i., p. 115. (11) "Be the avyis, consent and comand of the baillies, counsell and comvnate." (12) Vol. i., p. 160. (13) Leslie's *Family of Leslie*, vol. ii., p. 93. (14) Provost's burgess, vol. i., p. 254. (15) Vol. i., p. 259. (16) Formerly "servitor to Mr. John Ostbealls, at the desire of James, Earl of Murray," vol. i., p. 259. (17) Provost's burgess, vol. i., p. 275. (18) Vol. i., p. 275. (19) Servitor to James Gibson of Muldarie (vol. i., p. 279).

1644. Feb. 27th. Colonell John Gordoun, Lord Smydar and Scrivan, John Innes of Lewcharis, George Innes, his brother, Adame Minty, Leonard Sadler, Androwe Anderson, John Young, James Wynd, James Guthrie, Abraham Ridge, Alexander Troupe, and James Din, servitor to the said John Innes (1).

" Sept. 4th. Lieut. Col. Roche, Johne Martine, Williame Sutherland, his servants, Capitane Robert Dunbar and Johne Pursse, younger, wobster.

" George Carmichell (2).

1645. Jan. 1st. Capitan Henrie Bruce of Clackmannan, Capitan William Bruce, Liuetennent David Guthrie, William Dunbar, writter in Edinburgh, and Mr. Robert Bruce, schoolmaster at Duffus.

1646. David Brodie.

" Alexander and George Gibsones (3).

1647. John Geddes (4).

" Nov. 8th. Liv. Colonell Gilbert Kare, Capt. George Symsone, Liv. Alexander Ramsay, John Innes in Elgin, James Tarres there, James Brabner, James Gordone, Andrew Warden, George Watsone, balmaker there, and Alexander Kare, chapman (5).

1648. Alexander Smith, smith (6).

" William Anderson and Lachlan Innes (7).

1649. John Maver, shoemaker in Edinburgh.

1650. Andrew Smyth (8). Robert Cook, Forres.

" Andrew Donaldsone, Robert Gairne, Robert Galdie, Thomas Murray and James Fimister (9).

" Alexander Forsyth, glasswright.

1650. August 21st. James Kay, John Schand, John Mories, James Bonyman, George Martine, Thomas Kay, James Boynd, Robert Taillour, Thomas Fraser and John Gordon (10).

1651. March 5th. Colonell Robert Dunbar, appeirand of Westfield, Patrick Dunbar, his brother german, Major Patrick Hardie, Capitane John Smyth, Hierom Tulloch, Lieutenant Thomas Dunbar, and William Troup, sone laufull to William Troup of Crookmure.

(1) "Quha gaive ther aithis as vse is and tuik acts." (2) "Servitor to Mr. Johne Hay, commissar of Murray." (3) "Sones laufull to Alexander Gibson, shereff-deput." (4) "Servitor to Mr. John Hay, provest." (5) "Admittit and becam actit to produce their muscatts and bandeleers with certificatione they sall quyt there friedome." (6) Provost's burgess. (7) Vol. i., p. 183. (8) In Latheron of Caithness, eldest son of Walter S., burgess there. (9) "Goeing out as sogers for the burghe." (10) "Goeing out as sogers for the toune."

1651. John Livingstone and Thomas Aytoune, lieutenants.
" Alexander Bowar, bailie of Dundee.
" Francis Mershell, smith (1).
1652. David Stewart (2).
1656. Nicolas Brodie, chapman.
1672. Mark Boynd (3).
" Alexander Winchester (4).
" David Brodie, wright (5).
" James Winchester (6).
1673. Provost of Banff, Baillie Gordon and Dean of Guild (7).
1676. Archibald Stewart, merchant, Forres (8).
1680. Mr. Robert Gordon of Cluny (9).
1681. Kempriges (10).
" Jerom Spens (11).
1682. James Young, skiper (12).
" Dr. Gordon (13).
" Mr. Robert Dunbar, Kempriges brother (14).
" Charles Murray, principall tacksman of the excyse in Caithness, and Mr. Robert Paterson (15).
" Mr. James Grant, advocate.
" John Gordon, factor in Campvere, and others (16).
" Sir Jhon Gordones man (17).
1683. Lewtenant Hay (18).
1684. Lord Register's men (19).
1685. Alexander Roy (20).
1686. Mr. Mathew, apothecary, Aberdeen (21).

(1) "For making foure halberts to the foure officers of the burgh." (2) Provost's burgess, son of James Stewart of Auldrochtie. (3) "Upon the accompt that he hes taiken on to be a sojor in the present levie for the toun of Elgin." (4) Son to William Winchester in Kineddar, admitted at desire of Lord Brodie. (5) "At speciall desire of the Laird of Lethine." (6) Vol. i., p. 316. (7) Spent with them when they "vare admittit burgesses £6 6s. 8d." (8) "At the earnest request of the Earle of Murray." (9) Bill £3 1s. 4d. (10) Bill £4 14s. 4d. (11) Bill £3. (12) Bill £11 13s. (13) Bill £9 6s. (14) Spent at admitting him "burges when he was spoken of for provyding of sklait for the church £5 8s." (15) Bill £9 3s. 6d. (16) Spent with "Jhone Gordone factor in Camffair and some other Aberdeines men when they war maid burgesses £12 14s." (17) "Half ane eln of blew ribend to Sir Jhone Gordone advocat his manes burges bill." (18) Bill £15 18s. (19) "For sewin ell half of ribens to serw the bills that the Lord Registers men got £1 10s., for tua parchmen skins to be bills 10s." (20) "For the kyndnes and favour the Councell bear to Sir Alexander McKenzie of Broomhill, comissar of Inuernes." (21) "Compte at the macking of him burgis: 8 chopins wheit wyn £3 12s., 5 chopins of seck £4 10s., mixed confections £1 16s., reasins and almonds £1 12s. To pypes and tobaco 2s. 6d."

1686. Alexander Cairstaires in Rotterdam (1).
" Dr. Reid and the Italian Doctor and others (2).
" Mr. William Gordon, factor in Campvere, and Mr. Stewart, son to the Provost of Banff (3).
" Mr. Readman and Mr. Jackson, his servant (4).
1689. Major Æneas McKay (5).
" Grant's children, with their attendants (6).
" John Masson in Tain.
1690. Robert Blenshell, tailor (7).
1694. Mr. James Sutherland, advocate, Sir George Brown of Colston and his servants, Kininvie and two of his brothers.
" Mr. Panton, factor, and seven more (8).
1695. Bailie Brodie, Forres, Mr. Knox, Baillie Sanders, Banff, Bailie McKean and Mr. McGowen.
" Secretary Johnston his friends and servants (9).
" George Garioch, litster (10).
1699. James Gordon, chapman in Strathbogie (11).
1700. Glasgow merchants (12).
" Captain Walwood.
" The laird of Inchderny and his servants.
1703. David Sutherland, glover (13).
1704. George Junken (14).
1705. Robert Anderson, merchant in Elgin, son to Robert Anderson, baillie; Charles McKenzie, merchant, son to Kenneth McKenzie, elder, apothecary; Robert Douglas, son to William Douglas, late bailie; John Ogilvie, son to Andrew Ogilvie, late Dean of Gild (15).

(1) "£6 8s. 8d. Sc. spent with him by the provest and some of the baillies and counsellers." (2) "Spent £9 9s. 8d. Sc. by the baillies and severall of the Counsell with Dr. Reid and the Itayliane Doctor with severall others when they were maid burgesses." (3) "Spent by provest, baillies and some of the counsell when they var maid burgesses and for ribons and wax to their burgess bills." (4) Spent £5 1s. Sc. (5) "Thre pynts of seck at the making of him burgess £5 8s. Sc." (6) "At the making of Grants childring with their attendants burgissis sextin pynts and ane chopin of secke £29 14s. Sc." (7) "With comone consent and assent of the provest and baillies of the burgh and also of the heall counsell and comunitie therof receaved and admitted burges and freeman and that at the earnest desyre and request of Alexander, James and George Grants, laufull sons of the right honoll. Ludovick Grant of Freuchie, and for the speciall love, favor and kyndnes which the magistrats hes and bear to them." (8) Bill £26 18s. 8d. (9) 25½ ell changing cullared ribbans for their bills £5 2s. (10) Vol. i., p. 356. (11) Provost's burgess. (12) Spent with them "5 poynts posset and 2 poynts of claret £13 14s. 8d. For ale, tobaco and pypes 9s. 4d." (13) Provost's burgess (vol. i., p. 367). (14) Lately servitor to Lord Duffus, as the Provost's burgess for 1704. (15) "For the good and faithfull services done by their said fathers to the said burgh."

1705. Alexander Calder, merchant (1).
" Alexander Leslie, wigmaker (2).
" James Glass, wigmaker (3).
1706. George Geddes, chamberlain to the Laird of Dipple (4).
" James Sutherland (5).
" Provost Milne of Montrose his son.
1707. John Harley, gardener (6).
" Alexander Rose, tailor (7).
" William Geddes (8).
1708. James Chalmer (9).
" Clerk Falconer's (Inverness) son.
" Falconer of Blackhill's son.
" James Warden, chapman (10).
" William Sinclair, tailor (11).
1709. Lords Ormiston and Anstruther and their retinue (12).
" John Duff, son to Patrick Duff of Craigstown (13).
" John Laurie, mason (14).
" Benjamin Alan, servitor to my Lord Grange.
" James Grant, servitor to Mr. John Elphinstone.
" John Simson (15).
" James Craig and George Cummyng (16).
" Mr. Leicester, Mr. Luptun and other officers of Excise (17).
" Mireland and Rosehaugh.
1711. Alexander Johnstoun, brasier (18).

(1) At the desire of James, Lord Duffus. (2) At the desire of Alexander Lesly of Kininvy, Provost of Banff. (3) "For service done by him to the burgh and to be done." (4) "For the kindness which the Council has towards him." (5) Son to Alexander Sutherland, sometime seaman at Inverness. (6) At the desire of Sir James Dunbar of Hemprigs. (7) At the desire of Baillie Rose. (8) Son to Mr. Andrew Geddes of Essil, "for the love and favour which the Provost and Bailies bear to the said William Geddes." (9) Second son to the deceased George Chalmer, town clerk, "for the respect which the Councill had to his father." (10) "For the love and favour which the Councill beares to him." (11) "At the special desire and request of Mr. James Thomson, one of the ministers of the town." (12) "1709, March 31st.—Bought from James Rob an duzon of parchment skins for burges bills to the Circuit Lords and their numerous retinue as they pass through this town for £4 Sc. October 8th.—Paid to James Rob, glover, 46s. 8d. for seven parchment skins for burges bills to the Lords Ormiston and Anstruther and their retinue." (13) "For the love and favour which the Councill bear to his father and him." (14) At the desire of Ludovick Dunbar of Grange. (15) "Servant to John Roy, baillie in Forres, at the desire of Mr. William Falconer, minister of the gospel, his wife." (16) Paid for brandy, sugar (12 oz.), and ale £4 8s. (17) Bill £11 17s. 8d. (18) Vol. i., p. 384.

1711. William Sutherland, merchant in Clyth (1).
" Alexander Roust (2).
" Robert Duff, son to Alexander Duff in Cragenoch (3).
1714. William Russell, buttonmaker (4).
" George Black (5).
1715. John Anderson, armourer.
1716. Mr. Hugh Tod, chamberlain to the Earl of Huntly (6).
1717. William Innes, cooper (7).
1718. Henry Smeill, farrier (8).
1719. Braco, Montblairie and Mr. George Ogilvy.
" James and Jonathan Thomson.
1720. April 15th. The subaltern officers.
" David Stephen, chapman in Kineddor (9).
1722. Hon. Col. John Campbell (10).
1723. James Anderson, brasier (11).
1730. James McKean, chapman (9).
1731. William Forbes, writer, Edinburgh (12).
" August 7th. Young Drum and Fairfield (13).
" " 9th. Eight of the officers of the army (14).
" Sept. 2nd. Mr. Baillie and General Harly (15).
" " 7th. Two Glasgow men (16).
" " 11th. Young Braco (17).
" " 13th. Dr. Whitrengam (18).
" " 22nd. Collector Middleton (19).
" Oct. 1st. Colonel Farquhar (20).

(1) At the desire of Mr. William Sutherland of Roscomaon. (2) "For his incouragement to serve the town honestly as session clerk." (3) At desire of William Duff of Diple. (4) "For his incouragement in working at said trade." (5) "For the service done to the town by his father, Michael Black." (6) "For the good and faithfull services done by him to the burgh when master of the Grammar School here." (7) At the desire and request of Sir Robert Innes, younger of that ilk. (8) Vol. i., pp. 398-400. (9) Provost's burgess. (10) Groom of the Bed Chamber. (11) Vol. i., p. 413. (12) "For good service done by him to the town." (13) 5 bottles wine £3 15s. (14) Spent in making them burgesses 19 bottles wine £14 5s., "for ale to the town's officers when the officers of Sabin's Regiment were made burgesses 8s." (15) 14 bottles wine £10 10s. (16) 6 bottles wine £4 10s. (17) 10 bottles wine £7 10s., 1 lb. of confections £1 4s. (18) Spent with old Braco and making Dr. Whitrengam burgess 8 bottles wine £6. (19) 11 bottles wine 1 lb. raisins and 2 lb. confections £11 1s. (20) 7 bottles wine and 2 broken glasses £5 15s. The foregoing accounts for the two months August 7th to October 1st amounted to £143 2s. The dinner proper cost £2s, also £3 to the cook, £4 14s. for 47 pints of ale, 18s. for three mutchkins of brandy and £44 5s. for 59 bottles of wine.

1748. Alexander Hendry, maltster (1).
" John Greenlaw, weaver, James Donald, servitor to Alexander Shaw, merchant, and Alexander McKenzie, weaver in the College of Elgin (2).
" James Cumming, servitor to John Laing, merchant (3).
" John Murdoch, post (4).
1749. William Duncan (5).
" Alexander King (6).
" William Proctor, square wright (7).
" James Shaw (8).
" Robert Murdoch, chapman (9).
" The sailors of the ship belonging to the merchants of Elgin at Lossiemouth.
1750. James Hay, second son of John Hay, merchant (10).
" John and James Duff, sons of John Duff, late Provost (11).
" John Duncan in Blairhall (12).
" William Collie, farmer (13).
1751. Alexander Allan, junior, merchant, Garmouth (14).
" Duncan Murdoch, chapman (15).
" Alexander Gray, wheelwright (16).
" James Hutcheon (17).
" John Laing, chapman in Earnside (18).

(1) "At request of John Innes of Dunkinty for the regard the Magistrates bear Dunkinty." (2) "For the regard the Magistrates have to them being good workmen and for the encouragement of weavers to reside within this burgh." (3) "For the regard the Magistrates bear to the said John Laing, one of their number." (4) Provost's burgess. (5) "Eldest son of John Duncan, hirer in Elgin, corporal in the King's regiment of Foot, commanded by Rt. Hon. Col. Rich, at desire of Alexander Shaw, merchant." (6) Second son of William King of Newmiln, "for the great regard the Magistrates bear to the memory of William King, lately provost of this burgh, his grandfather, and William King of Newmiln, his father, and for the good services done by his ancestors to this burgh." (7) At the special desire of Lewis Grant of Wester Elchies. (8) "Servitor to William King of Newmiln, at desire of said William King." (9) Provost's burgess for 1750. (10) "For the love and regard the Council bear to the said James Hay, on account of his father." (11) "For regard to the said John Duff, senior, and for the good services done by him to this burgh." (12) At the special request of Alexander Petrie, merchant. (13) At desire of Joseph Brodie of Milntown. (14) At the special desire and request of John Duff, late Provost. (15) Provost's burgess. (16) At the special desire of Kenneth Sutherland, bailie of Dornoch, and Laurence Sutherland, bailie of Elgin. (17) Second son of James Hutcheon, deacon of the Weavers and late one of the Town Council of this burgh, "for the good services done by the said James H. senr." (18) "At the special desire and request of John Laing, bailie of Elgin."

1751. James Morrice, square wright (1).
1752. John Clark, chapman (2).
" William Smith, farmer, Myreside (3).
" George Cook, chapman in Coxton of Longbride, and John McGillawrea, butcher in Elgin (4).
" George Forsyth, merchant, and John Hardie, servant to Provost Brodie (5).
" James Leslie, writer in Edinburgh.
1753. James Humphrey, goldsmith, John Corss, sadler, Alexander Smith, William Donaldson, Archibald Ramsay and John Douglas, smiths (6).
" George Runcey, hirer (7).
1754. John Kynoch, merchant, Aberdeen (8).
" Alexander Mathew, cooper (9).
1755. Alexander Livie, baxter.
" James and Alexander Wilson (9).
" John Brander (10).
" James Skeen, chapman (11).
" Simon Bruce (12).
" John Mitchell, maltman (13).
1756. James Smith, tailor (14).
" Alexander Adam, chapman in Unthank of Urquhart (15).
1757. James Howison and James Brander (16).

(1) "At the special desire and request of John Duff, bailie." (2) Provost's burgess. (3) "At the special desire and request of Laurence Sutherland of Greenhall, late bailie." (4) "By an unanimous consent of the haill magistrates and that on account of good services done to the burgh." (5) "At the special desire and request of Alexander Brodie, merchant, late Provost." (6) "For the regard the magistrates bear to them as good workmen and in order to encourage skilfull workmen to reside in the place." (7) "At the desire of several of the Councill." (8) "At the desire of Bailies Grant and Shaw." (9) Sons of the deceased John Wilson, junior, merchant and bailie, "for the good service done by their father and grandfather and for regard for Mrs. Wilson, their mother." (10) Third son of John Brander, merchant, at the special desire of John Duff, bailie. (11) Son of Andrew Skeen, beadle, as Provost's burgess. (12) Servant to Provost Robertson. (13) "At the desire of John Innes of Dunkinty and for the regard the magistrates bear Dunkinty." (14) "At the special desire and request of William Forbes, city clerk of Edinburgh." (15) "In consequence of the powers vested with the Provost of this burgh." (16) J. H., son to David Howison, gunsmith and deacon of the Hammermen; J. B., son to James Brander in Sheriffmiln and apprentice to Joseph Wilson, deacon of the Wrights, both presently members of the Town Council, created burgesses gratis for the regard the magistrates bear to the said David Howison and Joseph Wilson.

1757. James Gordon, shoemaker, George Forsyth, smith, John Shanks, square wright, and John Taylor, wright (1).
" William Naughtie, tailor in Bishopmiln (2).
" John Laing (3).
" John Malcom, maltman (4).
" John Scott, tobacconist, Nairn (5).
1758. Mr. James Cruden, master of the Musick School (6).
" William Brander (7).
" Andrew Brander (8).
" Hugh Bain, tailor (9).
" William Fraser, butcher in Whitewreath (10).
" Alexander Cumming (11).
" Robert Masson (12).
" George Brander (13).
1759. Robert Gordon, manufacturer, Keith (14).
" William Fraser (10).
1760. John Watson (15).
" James Troup, chapman (10).
" Mr. Cosmo Gordon of Clunie, yr., advocate (16).
" Alexander Naughtie, tailor (17).
" John Petrie, schoolmaster at Milton Brodie (18).
" James Stephen, milnwright (19).
" Robert Gregor, shoemaker (20).

(1) "For the good services done by them in extinguishing a great fire that happened some time ago in the town." (2) "At the special desire and request of James Robertson of Bishopmiln, late provost of this burgh." (3) Apprentice square wright "at the special desire and request of John Laing, baillie." (4) Provost's burgess for 1757. (5) Provost's burgess for 1758. (6) "For the good service done by him in the education of the youth under his charge." (7) Son to Alexander Brander, merchant in Elgin, "for the regard the magistrates bear to the said Alexander Brander and for the good services done by him to this burgh." (8) Son to Andrew Brander, merchant, "at the speciall desire and request of George Simpson, one of the baillies of this burgh." (9) "At the speciall desire of John Duff, baillie." (10) Provost's burgess. (11) Son to Alexander Cuming, farmer in Pluscardine, "at desire of John Laing, baillie, and for the regard the magistrates bear Baillie Laing." (12) Servant to Provost James Robertson, "at his master's desire and for the regard the magistrates bear the said James Robertson." (13) "Son to Andrew Brander, merchant, at request of Baillie Simpson, for the regard the magistrates bear Baillie Simpson." (14) "For the regard the magistrates bear the said Robert Gordon, being married to a magistrate's daughter, and at the request of the Conveener." (15) Servant to Robert Leslie, baillie, "for the regard the magistrates bear Baillie Leslie." (16) "For the regard and esteem the magistrates bear to him." (17) "At the request of Baillie James Anderson." (18) "At the request of Baillie John Laing." (19) At desire of Bailie Grant. (20) "At request of William Gregor, deacon of the Shoemakers, his uncle, for the regard the magistrates bear Deacon Gregor and on account of his services as a Councillor."

1760. Mr. Donald McIntosh, shipmaster in Inverness (1).
" Robert Gedlie, weaver (2).
" Alexander Boyn, weaver (3).
" John Appie, weaver (4).
" John Baron, shoemaker (5).
" P. Reid, shoemaker in Pluscarden (6).
" Dougal Robertson in Milntown (7).
" John Gatherer, weaver (8).
" William Purse, weaver (7).
" Hugh Rose, wheelwright (8).
" Alexander McKenzie, weaver (9).
" William Tulloch, chapman (10).
" John Innes, flaxdresser (11).
1761. Alexander Williamson (12).
" William Adam in Newmiln (13).
" Robert Falconer, smith in the College of Elgin (14).
" George Gatherer, mason in Lossiemouth (15).
" Andrew Morice, chapman (16).
" Provost Robertson's sons (16).
1762. The Earl of Sutherland, the Earl of Erroll and the Marquis of Lorne (17).
" James Gordon (18).
" William Arnot (19).
" John Thomson, weaver, in Burghsea (20).

(1) For the regard the magistrates bear him. (2) At request and desire of the provost. (3) At desire of George Simpson, dean of guild. (4) At desire of the Provost. (5) At desire of Joseph Wilson, convener. (6) In regard his father was a burgess. (7) "For the regard the Magistrates and Council bore Alexander Purse, taylor, and late Conveener of the Trades, his father." (8) At the request of Alexander Cook, one of the members of Council. (9) Son to Alexander McKenzie, weaver and late one of the Town Council of this burgh, admitted burgess gratis "for the regard the magistrates have to the said Alexander McKenzie elder, and for the good services done by him to this burgh." (10) Provost's burgess. (11) "Late in Cullen, now in Elgin, at the special desire and recommendation of the Rt. Hon. James, Lord Deskford." (12) Son of William Williamson, glover, at desire of Bailie John Duff. (13) At desire of Provost Robertson. (14) At desire of Clerk Duff. (15) "In respect he has agreed to reside at Lossiemouth for seven years and to keep a publick house there." (16) Paid in 1761 for parchment bought at London for tickets 18s. stg. To ribbons and boxes for tickets 2s. (17) Ribbons for tickets to them 3s. stg. (18) Son of deceased Alexander Gordon, merchant, "at request and desire of Robert Grant, dean of guild." (19) Son of William Arnot, farmer in Elgin, "at the special desire and request of Baillie John Laing." (20) "Provost's burgess for 1763 and obliges himself to enter to the guildry's charity when required in the same terms as others act and enacts himself in all time coming to pay such cess as he shall from time to time be taxed by the stenters of the cess without making any objections on account of non-residence or otherwise."

1763. William Innes (1).
" John Mitchell, innkeeper (2).
" James Mellice, merchant (3).
" The Advocate, Mr. Murray, Kilraick, etc. (4).
" Sir David Dalrymple, etc.
1765. John Gordon, merchant (5).
" Sept. 21st. George Cormie, farmer at the East Port, Robert Murray, shoemaker, Andrew Frigge, servant to Alexander Gray, wheelwright, John Steel, wright, John Stronach, farmer, James Davidson, mason, Robert Dick, wheelwright, Alexander Alves, son of Alexander Alves, farmer, George Gordon, journeyman to John Baron, deacon of the Shoemakers (6).
" Alexander Cook, son of James Cook, shoemaker (6).
" John Nicoll, merchant at Lossiemouth (8).
1766. William Bog, shoemaker, John Wilson, shoemaker, James Leslie, wright, Andrew Rose, weaver, and John Murdoch, wright (7).
" John Chalmers, chapman (8).
1767. Alexander Chrystie, gardener, and William McDonald, smith (9).
" James Jack, merchant (8).
1768. George Craig, John Brander (10).
" Samuel Ramsay (11).
" Alexander Brander, shoemaker (12).
" William Stuart, shoemaker (13).
" John Scot, shoemaker (14).

(1) Late portioner of Urquhart, now merchant in Elgin, at desire of James Stephen, late Provost of this burgh, and Capt. John Innes of Lewchars, and for the regard the magistrates bear these gentlemen. (2) "At desire of Alexander Petrie, vintner, and for the regard the magistrates bear the said Alexander Petrie." (3) Provost's burgess. (4) To ribbons and boxes for their tickets 2s. 6d. (5) "On account of the singular service done by them in extinguishing a fire which happened in this burgh lately in William Baird's houses." (6) At the request of John Laing, bailie. (7) At the desire of Joseph Wilson, convener. (8) At the desire and request of Lady Innes of Innes and Miss Innes of Innes. (9) At the desire of Bailie Simpson and Joseph Wilson, convener. (10) G. C., second son of Archibald Craig, merchant, and J. B., second son in life of the deceased Alexander Brander, senior, merchant, for the good services done by the said Archibald Craig and Alexander Brander when members of the Town Council. (11) Smith and heritor of certain lands within this burgh, admitted burgess "in order to encourage good artists [*sic*] to reside in the place." (12) At request of Bailie George Simpson. (13) At request of Joseph Wilson, convener. (14) At request of Alexander Cock, member of Town Council.

1769. William Anderson, squarewright (1).
" Alexander Mitchell and William Kay, weavers (2).
" Robert Bower, blacksmith (3).
" William Geddes, weaver, James Dunbar, tailor, and James King, shoemaker (4).
1770. Alexander Leslie, chapman in Hemprigs (5).
" Alexander Shearer, merchant, James Marshall, jun^r., gardener, William Mitchell, weaver, William Wink, weaver, and Alexander Denoon, weaver (6).
" William Jack, farmer, Miln of Pluscarden (5).
1771. Dr. Forbes, Mr. Gubbings.
" Alexander Clark, servant to bailie Leslie, and James McKenzie, farmer (7).
" James Watson in Coltfield (8).
1772. Messrs. Fraser and Greig, Mr. Grant (Gilovie's son).
" Mr. Peter May, factor to James, Earl of Findlater and Seafield (9).
1773. John Muil, shoemaker (9).
" James Taylor, merchant in Thomshill of Birney (8).
1774. William Adam, chapman (10).
" James Allan (11).
" James Dunbar, tailor (5).
" William Ramsay, smith in Bishopmiln (12).
" Archibald Mellis (13).
" James Fraser, shoemaker (14).
" Alexander Clark, smith, Alexander Anderson, shoemaker, James Richards, shoemaker, and William Chalmers, tailor (15).
1775. Robert Cumming, farmer in Sochach of Dollas (5).

(1) At the desire and request of Miss Innes of Innes. (2) At the desire of Bailie Leslie and the Convener. (3) At desire of Samuel Ramsay, one of the Town Council. (4) At desire of John Duff and others. (5) Provost's burgess. (6) At the request of several members of Town Council. (7) "At the request of Bailie Laing." (8) "At the request and desire of Adam Watson, town councillor." (9) At desire of Bailie James Anderson. (10) "Out of the regard the magistrates bear to William Adam, merchant, late of the Town Council." (11) In Main, at desire of Alexander Brodie of Windyhills, late Provost. (12) Son of Archibald Ramsay, smith in Bishopmiln, and grandson of Samuel Ramsay in Duffus, both freemen of this burgh, and for the regard the magistrates bear to Samuel Ramsay, deacon convener of the burgh. (13) Mason, "for the good services performed by him when employed in the town's work this year." (14) "In consideration that he did in November 1771 prevent a mob of certain disorderly persons, inhabitants of Elgin, from attacking and maltreating Patrick Duff, Town Clerk, upon the High Street when going home after his attendance upon his duty, for which he was menaced by the persons above described." (15) "At the request of the Provost and others."

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1775. Alexander Mason, weaver, and William Simpson, weaver (1).
" Patrick Duff, son to Patrick Duff, town clerk, James Brander, son to Alexander Brander, late bailie, James and Alexander Jameson, sons to John Jamieson, late bailie of Elgin, and John Munro, dyker.
" Robert Ross, staymaker, John Fraser, staymaker, William Jeans, wheelwright, Robert Philip, glover, John Alves and James Russell, servants to Baillie Leslie (2).
" Thomas Gilzean, clerk to Patrick Duff.
" Alexander Allan, son to Robert Allan, merchant, and David Thom, servant to Baillie Leslie.
1776. Alexander Young, merchant (4).
" Alexander Innes, tailor, Robert Gilbert, tailor, George Murdoch, baker, and James Bremner, baker (3).
1776. Andrew Simpson, merchant in Garmouth (4).
" Mr. William Donaldson of Carolina and his brother. Mr. Grant's son.
1777. James Young, merchant (4).
" Mr. John Lane (or Laing), London.
1778. William Johnstoun, merchant in Banff (4).
" Major Misson.
1779. Alexander Coban, chapman in Monaughty (4).
1780. Mr. George Brown, factor to the Earl of Findlater and Seafield at Linkwood.
1781. John Duncan, merchant in Alves (4).
" George Shepherd (5).
1782. David Murdoch, butcher (4).
" Sept. 23rd. George Simpson, John Cruden, Alexander Shaw, Henry Hay, John Cook, Kenneth McBain, William Cook, John Falconer, John Miller, Robert Fraser, Francis Taylor, William Findlay, William Sellar, Robert Hay, William Anderson, William Fraser, Robert Mitchell, William Chrystie and James Watson (6).
1783. Mr. William Simpson, Aberdeen, Mr. Alexander Ellis, senior and junior, Peterhead, George Pirie and six more.
" David Cormie (4).

(1) At the desire of Mr. Peter May, late bailie of Elgin. (2) "At the desire of Patrick Duff, town clerk, and others to encourage qualified mechanicks to reside in the place." (3) "In order to encourage proper workmen to reside and work in this place." (4) Provost's burgess. (5) "One of the visitors of the Flesh Market, to encourage him in the exercise of his office." (6) "In regard they readily, loyally and chearfully signified their will and desire to enter into a plan proposed by our most gracious Sovereign the King for the protection of the country, which was intimated to this burgh by Lord Shelburne, principal Secretary of State."

1784. Alexander Winchester, cooper, and Alexander Smith, junior, smith (1).
" Charles Hay, shoemaker (2).
" James Sharp, wright (3).
" Mr. A. Grant, Edinburgh; Mr. Duff, Hillocks; Charles Grant, Colonel McIntosh, and Isaac Grant; Mr. John Ross, advocate, Aberdeen; Mr. Rainie.
1785. Mr. Charles Hay, advocate, Alexander Hadden and David Morice, Aberdeen; Mr. John Brander, London; Captain Brown, Ross, Mathieson and Ross; Mr. Gordon.
" William Matthew and James Chapman (4).
" Alexander Duncan, watchmaker (5).
1786. Thomas McCull (6).
" Capt. Abbot (7).
" Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Murdoch (8).
" Messrs. Knox and Burleugh (9).
" Lord Eskgrove.
1787. David Wilson, weaver (10).
" Mr. Gordon, Aberdour, Thomas Gordon of Spynie and Mr. McBeath from America (11).
1788. Isaac Forsyth, merchant (12).
1789. Mr. David Clark, butler at Cullen House (13).
" Thomas Grant, farmer (14).
" John Shanks, shoemaker, John Hay, weaver, and James Taylor, weaver (15).

(1) "Admitted burgesses, the Town Council some years ago having agreed to grant unto such of the inhabitants of this burgh the freedom thereof on their becoming bound to enter themselves as Volunteers in the Association then carrying on for defence of the country against the French and other powers then at war with these Kingdoms." (2) At the request of Mr. Thomas Wharton, one of the Commissioners of H. M. Customs in Scotland. (3) "In consideration of his advice and assistance in taking down the old weather cock from the spire of the tolbooth of this burgh and putting up a new copper one in its place." (4) Clerks to Provost George Brown, "on account of the accurate and distinct survey they made of the town of Lossiemouth." (5) In regard of his agreement to keep the town's clock. (6) Bill in the Cross Keys 11s. 5d. stg. (7) "Who belongs to Lossiemouth." Bill to Miss Baby Simpson 11s. 3d. Within six days in Sept. 1786 the bills due by the town to Baby Simpson of the Cross Keys were as follow: Sept. 23rd £2 1s., Sept. 25th £2 19s., Sept. 26th 10s., Sept. 29th 10s. (8) Bill 10s. (9) Bill 16s. 6d. (10) Being Volunteer. (11) To proportion of a bill at admitting them burgesses, the whole bill being £4 16s. stg. whereof the magistrates agree to pay £1 and 1s. to the waiter. (12) "On account of his father being long a Magistrate and a Respectable Merchant in this burgh." (13) Father of Sir James Clark, at desire of Provost Brown. (14) "In order to encourage him to be active and attentive in the discharge of his office as one of the visitors of the meall market." (15) "On account of their having exerted themselves to keep off the mob at the time of James McIntosh, vintner here, his sentence being put in execution."

1792. Alexander Murdoch (1).
1796. Mr. Alexander Johnston, manufacturer (2).
" John Gilzean, farmer (3).
1797. Alexander Smith, shoemaker (4).

(1) Son to Robert Murdoch, merchant in Elgin, residing in Glasgow, in implement of a promise made him by the Magistrates of Elgin for saving the life of a servant of Mr. Young at Oldmills in 1782 when he was surrounded by a flood in the River Lossie. (2) "In regard he has been the first gentleman who had established a manufactory in this place." (3) "In respect of giving up his tack on Croft Croy to Lord Fife's factor in order to enable him to sell these lands to the town for accommodating the public with a cattle market." (4) "In regard he was among the first tradesmen who came forward and enrolled himself as a Volunteer."

Appendix N.

Provosts of Elgin.

1261, August. Thomas Wisman, prepositus.
1272, December. Adam filius Stephani et Patricius Heroc, prepositi.
1330, December. Walterus filius Radulphi, major.
1343, March. Walterus filius Radulphi, prepositus.
1488, October. Jacobus Douglas de Pittendreich, prepositus.
1521-25. David Douglas of Pittendreich, alderman.
1529-30. William Douglas.
1538-39. William Gaderar, elder.
1539-40. John Young, elder.
1540-42. *William Gaderar*,* elder.
1542-43. *John Young*, elder.
1543-47. *William Gaderar*, elder.
1547-48. St. Giles.
1548-49. William Hay of Mayne.
1549-53. Alexander Innes of that ilk.
1553-54. William Innes.
1554-57. Mr. Alexander Douglas.
1557-58. William Gaderar.
1559-61. *Mr. Alexander Douglas.*
1565-68. John Annand.
1568-69. *Mr. Alexander Douglas.*

* Italic letters indicate that the person had been previously provost.

1569-74. *John Annand* of Morristoun.
1574-75. *Mr. Alexander Douglas.*
1575-83. *John Annand* of Morristoun.
1583-84. Thomas Young.
1584-85. James Douglas of Shutting Acres.
1585-86. *John Annand* of Morristoun.
1586-87. *James Douglas* of Shutting Acres.
1589-94. *John Annand* of Morristoun.
1594-1600. Alexander Seton, Lord Urquhart and Fyvie.
1600-01. *James Douglas* of Shutting Acres.
1601-07. *Alexander Seton*, Earl of Dunfermline.
1609-10. *James Douglas* of Barflethills.
1610-11. Alexander Pringill.
1611-12. James Rutherford.
1612-13. *Alexander Pringill.*
1613-15. *James Douglas* of Barflethills.
1615-23. *James Rutherford.*
1623-31. Mr. Gavin Douglas of Shutting Acres.
1631-43. Mr. John Hay.
1643-45. *Mr. Gavin Douglas* of Morristoun.
1645-50. *Mr. John Hay.*
1650-53. Mr. John Douglas of Morristoun.
1653-55. *Mr. John Hay.*
1655-58. *Mr. John Douglas* of Morristoun.
1658-64. George Cuming of Lochtervandich.
1664-65. William Cuming.
1665-68. Thomas Calder.
1668-87. *George Cuming* of Lochtervandich.
1687-88. Sir Alexander Innes of Coxton.
1688-89. David Stewart.
1689-90. William Calder of Spynie.
1690-1700. William King of Newmill.
1700-05. James, Lord Duffus.
1705-08. William Sutherland of Mostowie.
1708-11. *William King* of Newmill.
1711-14. George Innes of Dunkinty.
1714-17. Mr. Archibald Dunbar of Thunderton.
1717-20. Robert Innes, M.D.
1720-23. James Innes, M.D.

1723-26. *Robert Innes*, M.D.
1726-29. *James Innes*, M.D.
1729-31. James Anderson of Linkwood.
1731-34. *James Innes*, M.D.
1734-37. John Robertson, merchant.
1737-40. *James Innes*, M.D.
1740-43. William Anderson of Linkwood.
1743-46. James Stephen, merchant.
1746-49. John Duff, senior, merchant.
1749-52. Alexander Brodie of Windyhills.
1752-55. James Robertson of Bishopmill.
1755-58. *Alexander Brodie* of Windyhills.
1758-61. *James Robertson* of Bishopmill.
1761-64. *Alexander Brodie* of Windyhills.
1764-67. *James Robertson* of Bishopmill.
1767-70. *Alexander Brodie* of Windyhills.
1770-71. Thomas Stephen, merchant.
1771-74. John Duff, merchant.
1774-75. *Alexander Brodie* of Windyhills.
1775-78. *John Duff*, merchant.
1778-79. *Alexander Brodie* of Windyhills.
1779-82. *John Duff*, merchant.
1782-85. George Brown, Linkwood.
1785-88. *John Duff*, merchant.
1788-91. *George Brown*, Linkwood.
1791-92. *John Duff*, merchant.
1792-95. Alexander Brander, merchant.
1795-98. *George Brown*, Linkwood.
1798-99. *Alexander Brander*, merchant.
1799-1801. *George Brown*, Linkwood.

Appendix O.

Dr. Arthur Johnston's Epigram on Elgin.

This epigram was first published in 1642, a year after the author's death. The epigram and the translation are taken from vol. ii., p. 285, of *Musa Latina Aberdonensis*, edited by Sir William D. Geddes (New Spalding Club, 1895).

Elginum.

Laudibus Elgini cedunt Peneia Tempe,
    Et Baiae veteres, Hesperidumque nemus.
Hinc maris, inde vides praedivitis aequora campi,
    Frugibus haec populum, piscibus illa beant.
Huc sua Phaeaces miserunt poma, Damasci
    Pruna nec hic desunt, vel Cerasuntis opes.
Attica mellifici liquistis tecta volucres,
    Et juvat hic pressis cogere mella favis.
Aemulus argento fecundos Loxa per agros
    Errat et obliquis in mare serpit aquis.
Arcibus Heroum nitidis urbs cingitur, intus
    Phoebeii radiant nobiliumque lares.
Omnia delectant, veteris sed rudera templi
    Dum spectas, lacrimis, Scotia, tinge genas.

Elgin.

Elgin's praise surpasses that of Tempe, Baiae, or the grove of the Hesperides. On one hand the reaches of the sea, on the other fertile plains, bring store of sustenance to the city. Hither the Phaeacians sent their native apples, nor are wanting Damascene plums and the wealth of Cerasus. A colony of Attic bees winged their flight hither, and delight to load the honeycombs. The Lossie, like silver, wanders through fertile fields, and finds its way obliquely to the sea. With shining castles of heroic men the town is girt, and within it are elegant mansions of noble men. The whole is charming, save one thing, the ruins of thy ancient shrine: when, O Scotia, thine eye beholds, bedew thy cheek with tears.

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Approved at the Twenty-first Annual General Meeting of the New Spalding Club, held on Friday, 27th December, 1907, at 3 p.m.

Since the last General Meeting held on Friday, 28th December, 1906, there have been issued to members:—

I.—RECORDS OF THE SHERIFFDOM OF ABERDEEN. Edited by Mr. David Littlejohn, LL.D. Vol. III.: Records. 1642-1660, with Supplementary List of Officials, 1660-1907; and Index to Volumes I., II. and III. by Miss Jean E. Kennedy. (Pp. xx + 403: with the Twentieth Annual Report by the Council.)

II.—THE HOUSE OF GORDON. Edited by Mr. J. M. Bulloch. Vol. II. (Pp. xlviii + 611; with Frontispiece presented by Mr. William Leiper, R.S.A.)

(i.) Bibliography of Gordon Genealogy (*continued*). By the Editor.

(ii.) History of the Gordon Family, by Joannes Ferrerius, *circa* 1545. Edited by the Rev. Stephen Ree, B.D., Boharm.

(iii.) History of the Gordon Family, by Robert Gordon of Straloch, *circa* 1655. Edited by the Rev. S. Ree.

(iv.) Genealogical Tables of Gordons, by Sir Robert Gordon of Gordonstoun, *circa* 1659. Edited by the Rev. J. M. Joass, LL.D., Golspie.

(v.) The Gordons of Lesmoir, Crichie, Birkenburn, Terpersie, Leicheston, and Newton.

By Captain Douglas Wimberley, Inverness, and Mr. J. M. Bulloch.

(vi.) Gordon Ballads. Edited by the Rev. S. Ree.

It will be remembered that when the second volume of Mr. Bulloch's book was mentioned in last year's Report, a final fascicle was promised, to contain "Biographical Notices of Gordons in the British Army, comprising 1,374 names, by Mrs. C. Skelton". It has been found impracticable to include this for two reasons. The other six fascicles by themselves constitute a volume considerably exceeding the average bulk; and Mrs. Skelton's work has greatly outgrown the anticipated limits. Her researches in the Record Office, the India Office, and elsewhere, have brought together an amount of genealogical as well as naval and military information, which Mr. Bulloch thinks would be of interest, especially in view of the Territorial Army Scheme, to a wider circle than the New Spalding Club. He is in hopes of being in a position to undertake the printing of a special volume, copies of which would be supplied to members at a cost to the Club of only the necessary paper and binding. The title would be *The Gordons under Arms;* but the Club copies would count as Volume III. of the *House of Gordon.* The volume would contain :—

(i.) A preface, describing sources of information, a subject on which no existing book gives details, most of the papers involved being quite unknown even to antiquaries.

(ii.) A chapter by Mr. Bulloch giving a sketch of all the regiments raised by the family of Gordon, but not trenching upon the already-published accounts of the Gordon Highlanders. This chapter would also contain a complete muster roll of the 900 recruits who were the first

to join the Gordon Highlanders. Use has been made of the documents hitherto untouched in the possession of His Grace the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Vice-President of the Club. These documents give a most interesting insight into the local conditions which faced the fourth Duke of Gordon in raising his four regiments between the years 1759 and 1794.

(iii.) A biographical dictionary (by Mrs. Skelton) of every commissioned officer bearing the name of Gordon who has ever been in the British Army, giving his commissions and his origin so far as known. This list runs into something like 1,500 names.

(iv.) A similar list (by Mrs. Skelton) of officers in the Navy.

(v.) A similar list (by Mr. Bulloch) of officers in European armies.

(vi.) A similar list (by Mr. Armistead Churchill Gordon) of officers in the American Army.

(vii.) A list (by Mr. Bulloch) of all Gordons who joined the Jacobite cause.

A large portion of other two volumes is already printed off:—

III.—MISCELLANY OF THE NEW SPALDING CLUB. Vol. II., containing:—

(i.) Summary of Fiars Prices in Aberdeenshire from 1603, with Lists of Jurors. By Mr. David Littlejohn, LL.D., who generously presents this fascicle to the members of the Club.

(ii.) Baptism Registers of S. Paul's Episcopal Church, Aberdeen, from 1720 to 1793. Edited by Mr. A. Emslie Smith, Advocate.

(iii.) Roll of Burgesses of Aberdeen from 1631 to 1700 (continued from *Miscellany*, Vol. I.). Edited by Mr. A. M. Munro, City Chamberlain.

IV.—RECORDS OF ELGIN. Compiled by the late Mr. William Cramond, LL.D. Vol. II. Edited by the Rev. Stephen Ree, who kindly consented to arrange Dr. Cramond's collections and see the book through the press. Mr. Ree reports that the amount of interesting material is very great and will with difficulty be compressed into a second volume.

The programme of the Club also includes the following works approved by the Council :—

V.—MUSA LATINA ABERDONENSIS. Vol. III.: Poetae minores. Edited by Mr. William Keith Leask. Mr. Leask reports that his transcripts are now practically complete. He has followed the method of arrangement adopted in Vols. I. and II.—introduction, argument, text, notes. The selection of material extends from John Vaus and Florence Wilson—through the Wedderburns (David and William), the Johnstons (John and William), the Leeches (John the Rector and David the Sub-Principal), the *Lachrymae* of 1623 and 1635, the *Donaides* and *Frasereides* of John Ker—down to William Meston, the last verses in the volume being dated 1744. Three-fourths of the text will afford fresh material for local academic history.

VI.—SELECTIONS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE COUNTY OF BANFF. Edited by Mr. James Grant, LL.B. Mr. Grant reports that a considerable quantity of transcripts has been made from the Registers of Sasines,

and from the Minute Books of the Freeholders and of the Commissioners of Supply. He suggests that many interesting portraits of Freeholders of old days might be reproduced.

VII.—Folk Music of the North-East of Scotland. Edited by Mr. Gavin Greig, Whitehill, and the Rev. J. B. Duncan, B.D., Lynturk, with the aid of a grant from the Carnegie Trust. Mr. Greig reports that the Editors have already made over 2,000 records of airs (in different versions) as a rule taken down from the lips of singers; together with many thousand lines of associated traditional verse. The final work of reduction must necessarily take some time.

VIII.—Records of Inverness. Edited by Mr. William Mackay, Solicitor. Vol. I. to deal with the Burgh Charters from William the Lion onwards, and the Burgh Court-books from the middle of the sixteenth century.

IX.—Records of Old Aberdeen. Edited by Mr. A. M. Munro. Vol. II. to deal with the Ecclesiastical Records—Kirk-Session, etc.

X.—Records of the Scots Colleges. Vol. II. Edited by the Rev. W. Forbes Leith, S.J.

XI.—The Rise of Natural Science in the North of Scotland, based on the MS. collections of David Skene, M.D. Edited by Prof. J. W. H. Trail.

XII.—The House of Forbes. To be compiled by contributors making themselves individually responsible for the treatment of different branches of the family. General Editor: Colonel Allardyce, LL.D.

XIII.—Bibliography of the Shires of Aberdeen, Banff

AND KINCARDINE. Compiled by Mr. J. F. Kellas Johnstone, and others.

XIV.—RECORDS OF THE RED, WHITE, BLACK AND GREY FRIARS OF ABERDEEN. 1211-1560. To be edited by the Secretary of the Club, who has been accorded a grant by the Carnegie Trust to promote his researches.

Professor Terry has suggested that a Club volume, supplementary to his *Albemarle Papers*, might be based on official documents in the Public Record Office, which throw light on the state of Scotland between the years 1748 and 1760, a period not abundantly documented at present, after which Jacobitism abandoned all idea of an active propaganda. The Council are glad to note the prospect of another book under Professor Terry's editorship.

The Committee have had under examination two interesting Registers of baptisms—of Roman Catholics in Braemar from 1703 to 1736, and of Episcopalians in Deer from 1681 onwards. The Council believe that these contain many entries of much genealogical importance.

When the New Spalding Club was founded, twenty-one years ago, the Council recognised that the Club should for some time live well within its income, so as to provide a reserve fund to enable the Council to meet any contingencies that might arise in the future. For a few years past the additions to the reserve have been abnormally great owing to delays in the completion of certain works on the Club's programme. Now, however, that the Club has reached its majority, the Council believe that this accumulation should cease, and that the members who have adhered to the Club should reap the benefit. During the year 1907 more than 1000 printed pages were distributed to members, and the year's expenditure (after deduction of the cost of paper in stock) exceeds the year's income by upwards of £100.

Since the last report was submitted by the Council, eleven members of the Club have died: Mr. James W. Barclay of Glenbuchat; Mr. Charles M. Brown, Inverness; Mr. William Cramond, LL.D., an original Member of the Club and of its Council, and for many years also a Member of the Executive Committee, whose monumental works the *Annals of Banff* and the *Records of Elgin* helped greatly to establish the reputation of the Club; General Sir John Forbes, G.C.B., of Inverernan; Mr. Alexander Fowlie, Inverurie; Sir George Macpherson Grant, Bart., of Ballindalloch; Mr. Thomas Hutchison, Cults; Miss Georgina Leith, of Freefield; Emeritus Professor David Masson, LL.D., an original Member of the Club, and for many years one of its Vice-Presidents; Mr. John Morgan, Aberdeen; Mr. John Paul, Kingston, Ontario.

The places rendered vacant by some of these deaths have, under Rule 9, been filled by representatives of the deceased members, but other vacancies allow the admission of new members. As new members are usually desirous of securing a full set of the Club's publications, it may be stated that although the earlier issues are entirely out of print (as indicated on pp. 15, 16), the volumes occasionally come into the market, and the Secretary can usually direct a new member to a source whence they may be obtained.

The Council wish to express their continued obligation to the Society of Advocates for permitting the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held in the Society's Hall; and to the Curator of the University Library for granting the use of a room for Committee meetings.

DAVID LITTLEJOHN, *C.*

ABSTRACT.

Framed from the Annual Accounts of the Club for the period from 24th December, 1906, to 19th December, 1907.

THE CHARGE.

Assets at close of last account, . .	£1712	0	4	
Subscriptions for year 1907, . . .	399	0	0	
Subscriptions for year 1908, . . .	6	6	0	
Arrears and payments by new members for back volumes, ...	28	0	2	
Payment by a member towards cost of one of the publications of the Club	50	0	0	
Interest, ...	60	10	10	
Amount of the Charge, ...				£2255 17 4

THE DISCHARGE.

I. Miscellaneous Accounts Paid.

1907.					
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Mar. 28.	Miss H. Paterson: transcribing, .	3	0	0	
May 7.	Mr. G. Stronach: transcribing, .	1	10	2½	
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,, 22.	D. Wyllie & Sons: books, . .	1	7	0	
June 10.	Aberdeen Univ. Press: printing, .	7	3	0	
July 2.	Edmond & Spark: binding, etc., .	5	6	0½	
	W. J. Middleton: paper, . .	1	5	0	
Sept. 2.	Grosvenor, Chater & Co.: paper .	229	5	10	
Oct. 9.	Miss J. E. Kennedy: indexing, .	50	0	7	
Nov. 25.	Taylor & Henderson: printing, .	150	0	6	
	W. Jackson: numbering slips, .	0	9	6	
	Edmond & Spark: binding, etc., .	0	11	2	
Dec. 3.	Mr. A. W. Farquhar: transcribing,	0	7	0	
	Miss E. Barnett: transcribing .	4	8	6	
,, 9.	Aberdeen Univ. Press: printing, .	170	18	4	
,, 18.	Edmond & Spark: binding, .	62	19	0	
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Secretary's Salary, 1906-1907, . . .	£26	5	0	
Secretary's Postages, 24th Dec., 1906, to date,	9	8	7	
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III. Assets as at 19th December, 1907.

Loan to Aberdeen School Board, . .	£350	0	0	
Loan to do. do. . .	300	0	0	
Loan to Aberdeen Town Council, . .	350	0	0	
Five Deposit Receipts with Town and County Bank Ltd., ...	394	10	9	
One do. do. being Compositions received from ten Life Members, who were surviving on 19th December, 1907,	105	0	0	
				1499 10 9

Amount of the Discharge, equal to the Charge, £2255 17 4.

Note.—The Miscellaneous Disbursements re allocated as follows:—

I. "Sheriff Court," Vol. III.

Paper,	£10	19	10			
Printing,	150	0	6			
Indexing (3 vols.),	50	0	7			
Binding,	18	8	9			
Packing and carriage,	10	8	8	£239	18	4[1]

II. "House of Gordon," Vol. II.

[Paper: paid in 1905.]

Printing,	£170	18	4			
Binding,	22	7	11			
Packing and carriage,	11	13	8	204	19	11[2]

III. "Records of Elgin," Vol. II.

Paper,	£23	0	0			
Printing,	25	0	0	48	0	0

IV. "Miscellany," Vol. II.

Paper,	46	0	0			
Transcribing,	3	0	0	49	0	0

V. "Musa Latina," Vol. III.

Transcribing,				1	10	2½

VI. Sundries.

Paper in stock,	£149	6	0			
Printing circulars, etc.,	7	3	0			
Miscellaneous transcribing, etc.,	12	7	2½			
Books,	2	8	0	171	4	2½
				£714	12	8

[1] Together with £35 for paper bought in 1905: in all for the three volumes, £800 3s.

[2] Together with £80 for printing in former years, and cost of paper used, £70 (cost of frontispiece defrayed by Mr. Leiper): in all for Vols. I. and II., £726 14s. 9½d.

RULES OF THE NEW SPALDING CLUB.

(*As approved* 11*th November*, 1886, *and amended* 16*th December*, 1886, 21*st December*, 1894, *and* 29*th December*, 1897.)

1. The objects of the New Spalding Club shall be to promote the study of the History, Topography, and Archæology of the North-eastern Counties of Scotland, and to print works illustrative thereof.

2. The Club shall consist of five hundred [16*th Dec.*, 1886] members, subscribers of one guinea annually: each subscription to be paid on or before the first day of January in each year.

3. The general management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in a Council, consisting of a President, at least ten Vice-Presidents, and not fewer than forty ordinary members, including a Secretary and a Treasurer: all to be chosen yearly at a General Meeting of the Club, to be held at Aberdeen, in the Month of October, or at such other time within each year as may be found convenient. At all Meetings of the Council seven members shall form a quorum.

4. Immediately after the Annual General Meeting the Council shall elect Acting Committees to carry on the work of the Club.

5. The accounts of the Club shall be audited annually, by two Auditors, to be chosen at the Annual Meeting from among the members.

6. The name of any member in arrear with his annual subscription on the first day of October in each year may be removed from the list of members.

7. Vacancies in the membership shall be filled up according to priority of application.

8. Members may, at any time, compound for all future annual subscriptions, by payment of ten guineas over and above the subscription for the current year; and it shall be in the power of the Council to exempt from subscriptions, annual or other, any member who may present to the Club a work, the printing of which, as a Club publication, has been sanctioned by the Council.

9. Every member shall receive one copy of every volume assigned by the Club to the years for which he has paid subscriptions; and the editor of each work shall receive five additional copies of his work. [The heir, executor

or representative of a member shall have no claim to volumes issued by the Club after the member's death, unless he be admitted a member of the Club in place of the deceased. *21st Dec.*, 1894.]

10. The number of copies printed in each case shall not exceed five hundred and twenty-five, and no copy of any work printed by the Club shall be offered by it for sale; [but it shall be competent for the Editorial Committee to arrange for extra copies not exceeding twenty-five, additional to the five hundred and twenty-five, of any volume considered appropriate, to be placed at the disposal of the University of Aberdeen, which shall refund to the Club the prime cost of such extra copies, and employ them, outwith the bounds of the United Kingdom, as a part of a series of inter-academical publications. *29th Dec.*, 1897.]

11. The Club shall undertake the issue of its books without the intervention of publishers or booksellers.

12. A General Meeting of the Club may be called at any time on presentation to the Secretary of a requisition signed by twenty members; and the above rules may be altered at any General Meeting, provided that the members have received from the Secretary at least fourteen days' notice of the proposed change.

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